

**ACTION OF FRENCH  
CRUISER IS TO BE  
DECLARED ILLEGAL**

Representations to France Will  
be Forwarded by the State  
Department.

**SIX SEAMEN CAPTURED**

Removal of Foreigners From  
American Ships is Regard-  
ed as Unjustified.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The State Department announced today the stopping and searching of three vessels of the New York & Porto Rico Line by the French cruiser Des Cartes would be made subject of diplomatic representations to France. The department received official advices today from San Juan of the incidents.

The advices which came from the collector of customs said that six men, all either German or Austrian subjects, had been taken from the three vessels. Two native Germans who had taken out American citizenship papers, it was said, were not molested aboard the Coamo.

The note will contend that removal of citizens of any nation from an American vessel on the high seas is without legal justification. It will assert, as was done a year ago in a protest to France in the case of August Piepenbrink, that the men removed were not embodied "in the armed forces of the enemy" in the sense of that term in established international law. The communication, it is understood, probably will declare also that there is no justification of the removal of an enemy subject from a neutral vessel on the high seas beyond a neutral port, even if he could properly be regarded as a military person. The Trent case during the Civil War probably will be cited as a precedent.

The State Department was not advised whether any of the Austrians or Germans seized had declared their intention of becoming American citizens. Should it develop that such is the case, the protest may be even more firm. A statement issued by the department late today says:

Statement of the Department.

"The department has received reports from the collector of customs at San Juan, Porto Rico, indicating that three ships of the New York & Porto Rico Line have been stopped on the high seas and searched by the French cruiser Des Cartes. The steamship Carolina, northbound, was stopped six miles off San Juan and the German chief steward named Schade, was taken off by the boarding officers. The steamer was allowed to proceed north after a delay of about two hours.

"The steamer Coamo, southbound, was stopped about 20 miles off shore by two boats across her bow and the following persons taken off by the boarding party:

"J. Luscher Rutter, Anton F. Dollerich, Austrian, of the engine room, and H. Krueger, a German, of the steward's department. It appears that other Germans in the crew with American citizenship papers were not molested. "The steamship San Juan, southbound, is reported to have been stopped northeast of Porto Rico and two second cabin passengers, William Gunther and Fritz Lothar, German subjects, taken off ship."

The two last named are understood to be residents of New Orleans.

**RELEASE OF DYES AND  
POTASH IS DISCUSSED**

Secretary Lansing and Chair-  
man Lever Confer.

German Embargo and Not Great Brit-  
ain Cause of Failure to Secure  
Dye-stuffs From Germany  
—Consider Commission.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Measures to obtain release of dye-stuffs and potash supplies for shipment from Germany to America were discussed today by Secretary of State Lansing and Chairman Lever, of the House committee on agriculture. A statement issued at the State Department earlier in the day said the failure to move dye-stuffs was due to the German embargo on their shipment and not to Great Britain, which had agreed that two cargoes might come forward. Germany has refused to lift the embargo until England makes shipping concessions.

The State Department is considering, it was said today, a suggestion that German, British and American interests name a commission to adjust the situation.

Representative Lever told Secretary Lansing that the opening of a supply of potash is of vital importance to farmers.

Secretary Houston and bureau heads  
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**BALKAN CAMPAIGN  
TO BE CONTINUED**

Allied Retreat Does Not Indi-  
cate Abandonment.

**REVIEW OF WAR NEWS**

Maintenance of Anglo-French Troops  
at Saloniki Approved at Confer-  
ence in Paris—Greece to  
Demobilize Forces.

The Entente Allies, notwithstanding the German sweep through Serbia and their retreat to a line near the Greek border under Bulgarian pressure, are not going to abandon their campaign in the Balkans. This decision, Paris dispatches state, was reached at the war conference that has been in progress in Paris for the past day or two between Premier Briand and General Gallieni, the French war minister, and Sir Edward Grey and Earl Kitchener, the British foreign and war secretaries, respectively.

Although it is semi-officially stated that the British and French troops are being withdrawn from Serbia, the conference approved the maintenance of French and British troops at Saloniki. Measures of a military nature have been taken to insure the security of the expeditionary force, it is declared, and when conditions seem to indicate that the time is ripe, the offensive will be assumed with adequate forces.

Coincidentally comes the report from Athens that Greece has made all arrangements for demobilization and that a decree to this effect is expected shortly. One of the Allies' demands upon Greece has been for demobilization of the Greek armies, but King Constantine has declared he would not consent to this step unless compelled to do so by coercive measures.

Saloniki dispatches declare that the Allied forces are still holding a line in Serbia crossing the Vardar river to the west of Belgrade. The report is that the positions being fought with great difficulty. Advances from German sources, on the contrary, have been that the retreat was greatly hurried by the Bulgarians.

Word comes from Berlin that there are indications of a hurried concentration of German troops along the Danube, and that the Russians are reported to be erecting large munition depots along the Danube while Russian troops are said to be building a railroad from Rani on the Danube, a city eight miles eastward from Iasi.

In the eastern war theatre there is quiet in the north, but in Volhynia the Russians are sporadically active. They have attacked the Austrian lines north of the railway from Kovno to Sarny, but without result, according to the German headquarters statement. Russian patrolling columns have been active west of Styr river, north of Carpaty, but were driven back by the Austrians.

On the Franco-Belgian front the activities for the most part are confined to the Champagne region where the French have been trying to regain the advanced position near Souain recently lost. Paris has claimed progress in ejecting the Germans, but Berlin declares the position still is firmly in their hands, a renewed attempt by the French on Friday to oust the foe having been completely checked.

China has disregarded the protests of the Entente Allies against her deciding upon a change in the form of government during the European war and has announced that the plan to revert to a monarchy has been adopted. Yuan Shi Kai, president of the republic, has accepted the offer of the throne, tendered by the council of state.

The British recruiting plan of the Earl of Derby has been extended in its operations until Sunday at midnight. London dispatches state that the recruiting stations are overwhelmed and that the whole city is astir over the rush for enrollment, that the end of the campaign is bringing. Similar reports come from the provincial cities.

**SENATE REPUBLICANS  
FINISH ASSIGNMENTS**

Congress Will be Completely  
Organized Tuesday.

Progressives Disappointed Over Defeat  
of Senator Kenyon for Foreign  
Relations Committee—Works  
Succeeds Root.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Senate Republicans finished their committee selections today and Representative Mann, the House leader, expects to have his slate ready when the House reconvenes Tuesday. This will complete the organization of Congress as Democrats of both Houses have made their committee assignments.

The Senate Republicans today chose Senator Oliver, of Pennsylvania, and Senator Brandegee, of Connecticut, to succeed Senators Root and Burton on the foreign relations committee. Democrats have named Senators Pittman, of Nevada, and Phelan, of California, to the vacancies on the naval committee.

Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, aspired to one of the Republican places on the foreign relations committee, but was defeated on every vote in the steering committee. Opposition to him, it is declared, was based upon his advocacy of an embargo on war munitions. Senator Kenyon was assigned, however, to  
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**NEW CHAIRMAN PUBL-  
LIC SERVICE BOARD**

Oscar S. Straus, ex-ambassador to Turkey and Progressive candidate for governor of New York in 1912, has just been appointed chairman of the Public Service Board, to take the place of Edward E. McCall. Politicians regard the appointment as a clever move on the part of Governor Whitman, and think it will go far toward conciliating the Bull Moose party in the state.

**REJECTS PETITION  
FOR CITY CHARTER**

Less Than 20 Hopewell Peti-  
tioners Qualified Voters.

**TO GO TO LEGISLATURE**

Protestant Laymen Assist Catholics  
Priest in Distributing Food to the  
Needy—Town Begins Activi-  
ty for Re-Building.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 11.—Judge West, of the Prince George county circuit court, today refused to grant the petition of a number of citizens of Hopewell that a town charter be granted the community. The decision of the court was based on the fact that less than 20 of the names on the petition represented qualified voters, thus failing to comply with the law governing such cases. A large number of names were attached to the petition. The advocates of incorporation will seek a charter when the legislature convenes three weeks hence.

Meanwhile, Hopewell remains under martial law. Four companies of state troops under Major Bowles, of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, are in control of the situation.

Conditions as regards the destitute and suffering are adjusting themselves. The relief extended by the city government of Petersburg, business bodies and the church organizations of this city, will be continued through Monday, and longer if needed. Fifteen thousand persons were fed at Hopewell Friday, according to Rev. Father Haier, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church of Petersburg, elected at a meeting of citizens of this city to have charge of the actual distribution of food at Hopewell. He was assisted by a Baptist deacon, a Presbyterian elder, a prominent Methodist, and a vestryman of St. Paul's Episcopal church of this city.

Hopewell stores will be allowed by the authorities to keep open tomorrow for the accommodation of those who may wish to purchase supplies. This was pay day at the Du Pont plant and many whose homes were destroyed have money with which to purchase necessities.

It is stated that over a million bricks and hundreds of carloads of other structural material are in transit to Hopewell for the rebuilding of the town.

**STEAMER SAN JUAN HELD  
UP BY FRENCH CRUISER**

New York, Dec. 11.—The steamship San Juan, of the New York and Porto Rico Line, was held up and searched by a French cruiser while the steamer was bound from New Orleans to San Juan, P. R., according to today's dispatches. The ship today, two second class passengers were removed. The San Juan flies the American flag.

**STEAMER RETURNS  
WITH CARGO AFIRE**

Blaze on British Ship Tynning-  
hame is Extinguished.

**POLICE SEARCH VESSEL**

Decline to Make Known Result of the  
Investigation—Ship Carried Con-  
signment of Sugar for Brit-  
ish Government.

New York, Dec. 11.—Fire which caused the British steamer Tynninghame to put back shortly after having sailed from this port with a large cargo of sugar consigned to the British government was extinguished today by a fireboat. Representatives of Bowring & Co., the vessel's agent, said that 20,000 bags of sugar were destroyed but they made no estimate of the financial loss.

Members of the police department's bomb squad boarded the vessel after she anchored off the Statue of Liberty and searched the vessel. The result of the search was not made known and the steamer's agents declined to express an opinion as to the origin of the fire.

On December 5, while the freighter was being loaded with her present cargo, a fire was discovered in the same hold that was burned today. At that time the cause of the fire was given as unknown but fragments were found of a bottle which it was believed might have contained a chemical which caused explosion.

On Monday the freighter will be docked, the burned hold cleaned out, and an effort made to repair the damage without unloading the cargo which originally consisted of 119,538 bags and 1,574 barrels of sugar.

The Tynninghame is the latest of a number of sugar vessels sailing from this port on which fires of mysterious origin have been discovered.

**DYNAMITE UNDER BRIDGE**

Delayed Intention Was to Impede  
Transportation of Munitions.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 11.—A package containing sticks of dynamite, coupled with caps and fuses, was found today under a Southern Pacific railroad bridge over Alhambra creek, a short distance west from Martinez. Over this bridge pass trains carrying the output of the Hercules Powder Company and the Standard Oil Company to the East.

Special Agent Prindleville, of the Southern Pacific Company, Sheriff R. E. Veale, of Contra Costa county, expressed the opinion tonight that the dynamite was placed under the bridge by some person desirous of impeding progress of war munitions.

**HEARING ON BOARD SHIP**

Federal Officials Will Allow No One to  
Leave Liner Minnesota.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—United States District Attorney John A. Preston announced today that no one would be allowed to leave the liner Minnesota, until a hearing had been held on board by Federal authorities to determine the reasons for her becoming a refugee.

**SNOW IN VIRGINIA AND  
PIEDMONT N. CAROLINA**

Five Inches Deep at Greens-  
boro; Eight at Danville.

Snowfall Continued Unabated at  
Greensboro at 10 O'clock and at  
Danville and Roanoke at  
Midnight and Later.

Danville, Va., Dec. 12.—A sleety snow began falling Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock and soon developed into a steady snowfall. This has continued without abatement and at 1:30 this morning continues at a depth of eight inches. Street car traffic is retarded and railway trains from every direction are reported an hour or more late.

**SNOW FIVE INCHES DEEP**

At Roanoke, Va., Flakes Were Still  
Falling at Midnight.

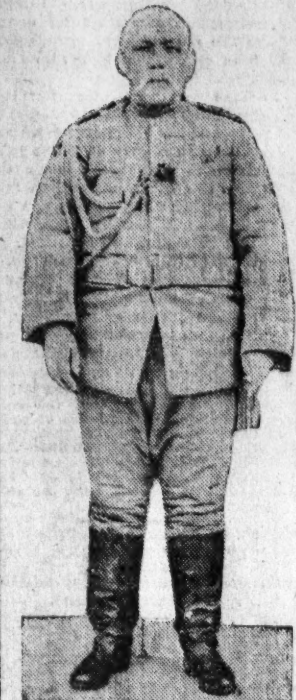
Roanoke, Va., Dec. 11.—Reports from various points in Virginia indicate that the season's first real snow is falling tonight over the entire state. The fall which began here about 6 o'clock has reached a depth of five inches at midnight, with the flakes continuing to drop with unusual volume.

**STORM WARNINGS UP**

Disturbance Along South Carolina  
Coast Reported Increasing.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The Weather Bureau tonight ordered southeast storm warnings displayed from Cape Henry to Savannah and northeast warnings from Boston to Fort Monroe. A secondary disturbance was reported increasing on the South Carolina coast.

FOUR INCHES AT RALEIGH.  
First Snow of Season Falls in Central  
North Carolina.  
Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 11.—The first heavy snow of the season fell in this part of North Carolina tonight. Starting at midnight, snow fell here to the depth of four inches. The temperature continued to fall.

**YUAN SHI KAI HAS  
ACCEPTED THRONE**

Peking, China, Dec. 11.—Yuan Shi Kai, president of the Chinese Republic, has accepted the throne of China tendered to him by the council of state. Acting as a parliament, the council of state today canvassed the vote on the question of a change in the form of the government of China to a monarchy and found that the votes of 1,393 representatives out of 2,043 qualified to vote on the proposition were favorable to the change.

The council of state immediately sent to Yuan Shi Kai a petition urging him to accept the throne. He declined at first, but when the petition was forwarded a second time, he accepted with the proviso that he would continue to act as president until a convenient time for the coronation.

**DISPOSAL OF THE  
ANCONA CASE SOON**

American Officials Look for  
But Little Delay.

**RUPTURE THREATENED**

United States Expects Prompt Com-  
pliance With Requests Made in  
Note and There Will Be No  
Lengthy Discussion.

Washington, Dec. 11.—There were no developments today to alleviate the serious situation that threatens a rupture of diplomatic relations between the United States and Austria-Hungary. Officials continued studiously reticent, but word that the American note on the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona, with loss of American lives, had reached the Vienna foreign office yesterday led to a feeling that the question would resolve itself one way or the other without much delay.

The communication is understood to ask disavowal of the act of the Austrian submarine which sank the liner, punishment of the submarine's commander and reparation for the American lives lost; and it has been clearly indicated that the United States expects that these things be done promptly.

There will be no lengthy discussion of the principles involved, it is said, such as was conducted with Germany after the Lusitania tragedy.

A copy of the Ancona note, which will be given out for publication in morning papers of next Monday, today was handed to Baron Zwiadinek, chargé of the Austrian embassy here, by Secretary Lansing, and it is understood the two discussed the situation briefly and informally.

It was said this was merely incidental, the charge having called to explain how he came to write a letter to the Austro-Hungarian consul general at New York early in the war suggesting that passports of neutral countries be purchased for Austrian reservists in this country.

Baron Zwiadinek explained that when he wrote the letter he was a subordinate official of the embassy then in charge of Dr. Constantin Duménil since recalled. It could not be ascertained whether the explanation was satisfactory.

It was apparent tonight that officials who have read the note to Austria viewed the situation as serious, the opinion prevailing as strongly as ever that diplomatic relations were in danger of being broken off unless Vienna complied immediately with the American demands.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Creation of a naval flying corps, establishment of a school for training navy aviators, and increase in the number of midshipmen at the Naval Academy by about one-half are proposals included in a tentative draft of the naval appropriation bill, some details of which became known tonight. The proposed increase in the Naval Academy would permit each senator to appoint three midshipmen, instead of two, as at present.

**YUAN SHI KAI NEW  
EMPEROR OF CHINA**

Accepts Throne Tendered by  
Council of State.

**CHANGE TO MONARCHY**

Out of 2,043 Representatives 1,393 Voted  
Favorably—Shi Kai to Remain  
President Until Convenient  
Time for Coronation.

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**TO OPPOSE MONARCHY.**

Chinese Republic Association to Adopt  
Preliminary Measures.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Tong King Chong, president of the Chinese Republic Association here, the controlling body of thousands of similar organizations in North and South America, announced today that preliminary measures to oppose the establishment of the Yuan Shi Kai monarchy would be taken at a meeting tomorrow. He said the association had considered already the necessity of raising a large fund to further such opposition.

**FINANCES ALSO TANGLED**

China Unable to Borrow Because of  
International Troubles.

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Peking, Dec. 11.—China's financial affairs have become much involved with her international tangles. For several months the Chinese government has been endeavoring to obtain an advance of 10 million taels, or about 14 million dollars, Mexican, from the quintuple group of bankers, with the surplus from the salt monopoly as security.

The Chinese did not seek this money as an advance but merely as a period of two years from the proceeds of the salt revenue. The bankers of the five countries were willing to undertake the additional advance.

However, as the monarchical movement developed there were rumors that the money was to be used for restoring the monarchy. Then came the request of Japan, backed by Russia, France and England, that the monarchical movement be postponed. It became apparent that there was diplomatic pressure against the loan.

The minister of finance, Chow Hsueh-Hsi, insisted that the funds were for the improvement of the revenue collection system, and the redemption of the depreciated currency notes in the various provinces. This assurance, however, has not moved the bankers and there is no indication that the funds will be advanced soon. The situation is reported that France, England and Japan did not care to co-operate with Germany in such an agreement. The theory that the bankers are acting through their dislike of Germany is causing much discussion in the Chinese press.

The great amount of money which the Chinese government is paying to various German interests in China, and the cause of much discomfort to Great Britain and her allies. Germans have  
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**NO RECOGNITION WILL  
BE GIVEN FORD PARTY**

Netherlands Will Neither En-  
courage Nor Support It.

However, No Opposition Will be Placed  
in the Way of Landing—Private  
Facilitates May Welcome the  
Expedition.

The Hague, via London, Dec. 11.—Neither encouragement, recognition nor support in any shape or form will be offered to the Ford peace party by The Netherlands government, according to information from official sources given to a correspondent of the Associated Press. Government officials, it was indicated, naturally noted the party's departure and also received a notification thereof from the leader but no reply was forwarded. No opposition will, however, be placed in the way of the party's landing in Holland, but should the activities of its members become embarrassing while here they will, in all probability, be requested to transfer their headquarters to other than Dutch territory. Private pacifists, of whom there are many in this country, probably will welcome the Ford party as an addition to their ranks.

The impression prevails that the general public and the press are inclined  
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WINTER DEADLOCK**

No Important News for Sever-  
al Days From Principal  
European War Fronts.

**LEMBERG IS EVACUATED**

Teutons Probably Shortening  
Lines; Anglo-French Con-  
tinue Retirement.

London, Dec. 11.—The main armies of Europe apparently have settled down into winter deadlock in the trenches. No news of important engagements along the main lines has been issued for several days. The Italians continue to bombard Gorizia, but the complete fall of that town, which has been expected at any hour for the past fortnight, is still delayed.

The Austro-Germans have withdrawn from Lemberg, Galicia, according to a Kiev dispatch which gives the prevalence of scurvy as the reason, but military critics consider it more reasonable to believe that the lines are being shortened for the winter.

No definite details were received today of the retirement of the French and British forces in the Balkans upon Saloniki, but this movement continues. The Paris Temps asserts positively that the Allies have decided to remain with Saloniki as their base and send sufficient reinforcements to renew their offensive. Apparently this information was gleaned from the Anglo-French council of war in Paris. Consequently the Balkans will remain the center of interest.

The day's news from Greece is favorable to the Entente Powers but tomorrow's news may witness the shifting of the diplomatic wind to another quarter. A Reuters dispatch from Athens asserts that the Greek government will concede all the Allies' demands and that part of the Greek troops will be removed from Saloniki, while a Rome report credits Greece with the decision to demobilize her army.

Food Problem Engages Reichstag.  
The German Reichstag is grappling with the problem of the food supply. Various party schemes have been presented to the budget committee all of which include the establishment of maximum prices. The centrists propose a most radical plan for a bureau controlling prices and the distribution of food. Among the features is the limitation of the consumption of the principal commodities in hotels and restaurants and special help for the poorer classes.

Copenhagen and Amsterdam furnish reports of demonstrations in Berlin, with the crowds shouting for peace, even insulting the crown prince, who has arrived at Berlin, but there is no direct confirmation of these stories.

The enrollment of recruits in the United Kingdom under Lord Derby's scheme was to have been fixed at midnight, but the procession of belated volunteers continued today and the closing of the books has been postponed for another day, perhaps until Wednesday.

**DECASTEAU APPOINTED**

Designated by General Joffre as Chief  
of the General Staff.

Paris, Dec. 11.—General Joffre, who retains direct command of the armies of the east and northeast, has designated General Edouard De Castelleau de Castelleau as chief of the general staff.  
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**WILSON IS RIDICULED  
BY THE GERMAN PRESS**

President's Attitude Regarded  
as Being Anti-German.

Dispatch from New York Stating  
American Sentiment is Greatly  
Stirred Against Germany  
Evokes Comment.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 12.—The Berlin morning papers publish a special wireless dispatch from New York to the semi-official Wolff Bureau stating that public opinion in America is greatly stirred against Germany by the alleged German attacks on American neutrality.

The Vossische Zeitung says: "It was to be expected that at the convening of Congress the British party would make every effort to bring about a new excitement against Germany. In order to distract the attention of Congress from the question of British pressure on America. This also is President Wilson's interest."

The Morgen Post commenting on the recall of Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Fapen, the naval and military attaches, respectively, of the German embassy at Washington, says:  
"Perhaps Mr. Wilson simply wants to do two officers a favor by helping them to return to their beloved home, and perhaps the molestation which he has shed over German-Americans came  
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## WILSON AGAIN LEADS IN LEAF TOBACCO SALES

### Virginia vs. Carolina Rate Hearing Next Thursday.

Chairman Travis to Appear Before Interstate Commerce Commission, Tenth District Democrats Optimistic—Charters.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 11.—Sales of leaf tobacco on the North Carolina markets during November aggregated 44,975,363 pounds, compared with 44,206,824 pounds during November, 1914. This represents total sales, including re-sales for dealers and warehouses. The actual sales first hand for the growers for November were 3,249,071 pounds. The Wilson market led with 4,979,69 pounds, and Winston-Salem was second with 4,549,270 pounds. Sales first hand, on the southeastern markets, in their order, follow:

Wilson, 4,270,800; Rocky Mount, 3,230,328; Greenville, 2,806,478; Kinston, 2,307,426; LaGrange, 654,506; Washington, 495,440; Goldsboro, 320,650; Warsaw, 190,102; Wallace, 173,829; Newbern, 161,992; Clinton, 124,794.

Tenth District Democrats. Lawyers here from the Tenth Congressional district for the argument of appeals from the 19th and 20th judicial districts, talk interestingly of the situation as to the selection of a candidate to make the race against J. J. Britt, present Republican member of Congress from that district. They insist that the Democrats of the district are talking of the situation in an alert manner and with the determination that there shall be no suicidal primary differences such as opened the way for the Republican victory two years ago. It is insisted that the real Democratic majority in the district is safe as can be, if Democrats are not divided among themselves, and that there is every assurance that there will be no serious differences this next campaign.

One of the best informed men in touch with the conditions in the Tenth expresses confidence that, with Buncombe county Democrats united on a candidate to oppose Congressman Britt, there is no way in the world for Britt to win. He insists that either State Senator Zeb Vance Weaver, who is already an avowed candidate, or R. R. Williams, whose friends will doubtless ultimately induce him to enter the primaries, could carry Buncombe and the entire area against Britt, and that these leaders are determined to allow no competitive efforts for the nomination in their own behalf to stir any differences that would interfere with the polling of the full vote in the general election.

Rate Hearing. Chairman E. L. Travis, of the North Carolina Corporation Commission, will go on next Thursday to Washington to appear before the Interstate Commerce Commission for an argument for the North Carolina commission as intervenor in the suit of Virginia cities against a number of railway companies for the purpose of upsetting the freight rate adjustment from western points to North Carolina points on the ground that the rates from Virginia cities to North Carolina points constitute a discrimination against Virginia cities.

Mr. Travis will support the present freight rate adjustment which was established through the rate compromise effected two years ago.

New Corporations. A charter was issued today for the Bladen Manufacturing Co., of Bladenboro, capital \$100,000 authorized and \$26,000 subscribed by Henry C. Robert L. and R. Craven Bridges for operation of cotton gins, cotton seed oil mills and fertilizer plants.

Another charter is for Bellevue's (Inc.), Charlotte, capital \$25,000 by J. D. Bellevue, D. H. Watkins and others for candy and dairy product business.

A charter is issued for the White Manufacturing Company, of Kinston, capital \$50,000 authorized and \$300 subscribed, one share each, by H. L. Nance, H. A. White and Dr. G. A. Foster, for a general cotton milling business.

A charter is issued for Aycock, Bros. & Co., of Fremont, capital \$100,000 authorized and \$10,000 subscribed for general mercantile business. The incorporators are C. R. Aycock, J. B. Aycock, W. E. Aycock and W. R. Deen.

#### COWS FOR SALE.

10 Milch Cows and one Bull for sale. Bargain if sold at once. Address "Cows," care Star. (advertisement.)

## WATER FOR FORT CASWELL WILL SUBSTITUTE SOY BEANS

To be Furnished by Southport, if War Department Accepts Town's Proposition.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Mayor J. W. Ruark and City Engineer G. W. Rappleyea, of Southport, came here today to make an effort to get a contract with the War Department to furnish water to Fort Caswell. The government has spent something over \$80,000 in an effort to get sufficient water at the government fort, but has met with little success.

Mayor Ruark says Southport has an abundant supply of the best water in the State and that the city is prepared to furnish this Adam's Ale to the government for a nominal cost. Senator Simmons and Representative Godwin took the two gentlemen to the War Department and the quartermaster general became interested in their proposition. He promised to send army officers to Southport to investigate the feasibility of their plan, and, if it is found that Southport can furnish water in sufficient quantities, negotiations will be opened with the city officials. P. R. A.

### WESTERN RAILROAD ALLOWED TO RAISE PASSENGER RATES

General Increases Authorized by Interstate Commerce Commission.

Washington, Dec. 11.—General increases in passenger fares on Western railroads were authorized today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Some of the increases for which the roads asked were disapproved but such as were allowed will result in an increase in revenue. The commission held that the evidence in the case in which nearly 16 roads were involved and which was part of the whole western advance rate case, showed substantially the following:

"That since 1900 the railroads have made substantial improvements in passenger service for convenience and safety at a great expense.

"That passenger service conditions do not permit of economies possible in the freight service, and that the increased costs not offset by those economies which exist are entitled to consideration.

"That passenger service in the Western territory is less profitable than freight service and that the existing rates are lower than those in the South, East and West, but that there is some justification for that."

Te decision repeats the holdings of the recent advance freight rates cases that the railroads have felt the increased costs of living and recites that the public has the right to expect adequate, comfortable and safe service.

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE TO MEET.

Trades of Players and Disposition of Cleveland Problem Possible.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Trades involving well known ball players and possible disposition of the problem of the Cleveland club will be features of the American League's annual meeting here next Wednesday. It is predicted.

Rivals for the services of Frank Baker, now under contract to the Philadelphia Club, will furnish the main excitement in the trading line. President Comiskey is openly after Baker, the New York American, it is said, still hopes to get him and reports today from St. Louis indicate that the Browns also will be among the bidders. President Johnson was quoted today as saying the league would not in any way interfere with the disposal of Baker. The organization will leave the matter to Connie Mack, of the Athletics, and to Baker himself. Baker is understood to be demanding a high price for his services.

There is not much sentiment in favor of a change in the opening or closing dates of the season according to a statement made at President Johnson's office.

#### AT POINT OF STARVATION

Distressing Conditions in Albania Are Reported at Rome.

Rome, Dec. 11.—Reports from Albania indicate that conditions there are most distressing, the people being on the point of starvation, the weakest being unable to resist the cold on account of hunger. Dr. Edward W. Ryan, representing the American Red Cross, is studying the situation and arranging for the sending of supplies into Albania, which it seems advisable to concentrate at Durazzo.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The commission of scientists, geologists and educators recently named by the National Academy of Science at President Wilson's suggestion to investigate the geological formation of territory adjacent to Panama canal to ascertain what steps may be taken to prevent further slides, sailed from here today for Colon. Dr. C. R. Van Hise, president of the University of Wisconsin, is chairman.

Cotton Seed Oil Mill at Elizabeth City Begins New Industry in This State.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 11.—The Elizabeth City Oil & Fertilizer Company, through the efforts of Mr. C. B. Williams, chief of division of agronomy of the State Department of Agriculture, have made preparation to keep their mill running for some time after the close of the cotton season by substituting the soy bean, which is largely grown in this section, for cotton seed. The company will manufacture soy bean oil and the by-products for commercial purposes.

For the past week the fertilizer company has been buying up thousands of bushels of soy beans and by Thursday of next week they expect to have everything in readiness to begin the operation of the new scheme. On that day Mr. Williams will be here and the United States Department of Agriculture will be represented by Mr. J. M. Morse. Both these experts will spend most of the day at the mill watching the details of what in this country is an untried manufacturing process.

In China and Japan, however, soy bean oil has long been manufactured on a commercial scale and thousands of gallons of it are imported every year into this country. Both the State and the national departments of agriculture are anxious to give the growers of this bean beetle facilities for marketing their product, which up to this time they have disposed almost entirely to those desiring them for seed purposes.

#### HEAVY DEPRESSION IN BONDS

FROM ANGLO-FRENCH LOAN

Dissolution of Syndicate Wednesday Awaited With Interest.

New York, Dec. 11.—The dissolution next Wednesday of the banking syndicate which floated the \$500,000,000 Anglo-French 5 per cent. loan is awaited with unusual interest in financial circles because of the heaviness of the bonds during the past week.

Sales aggregating \$1,000,000 were effected during that time, subject to future delivery, at steady declines down to 94 3-4. This was 3-14 points under the price of the regular public offering and 1-12 points below the price paid by the syndicate, whose membership embraces bankers, trust companies and private banking interests representing almost every state in the Union.

The syndicate managers believe that the depression in the bonds has resulted from the operations of so-called German propaganda which they declare began when the project was first broached and has continued with unabated vigor ever since. Aside from this development, the managers expressed no surprise at the decline, attributing the movement in a measure to short or speculative selling.

It is known that the syndicate expects to have not less than \$150,000,000 of the entire bond issue returned as unsold to the public.

#### WILL COLLECT EVIDENCE OF

OFFENSES AGAINST NEUTRALITY

Central Organization Created as Government's First Step.

Washington, Dec. 11.—A central organization for gathering evidence of offenses against the neutrality of the United States has been created as the first step in the Federal government's determination more stringently to enforce neutrality, outlined by President Wilson in his address to Congress.

The Postoffice, State, Justice and Treasury Departments will join in gathering information which will be assembled and acted on in the State Department under the direction of Counsellor Polk. This plan was decided upon at a conference between Counsellor Polk and representatives of the other departments.

Heretofore there has been no uniformity of action between the various agencies of the government having to do with suppression of conspiracies against the nation's neutrality. Each department has acted independently.

#### COOKING SCHOOL.

In the preparation of dairy dishes at the Cooking School, Mrs. Vaughn uses the Famous Swansdown Flour and Asparagus Tips which are sold by the People's Supply Co. at 25 cents for two cans. This progressive firm also carries a most complete line of fancy groceries and table delicacies, and an extra special assortment of Christmas eatables. The best butter in city at three pounds for \$1.60. (advertisement.)

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## SPORTS

IKEY SILVERMAN STAR  
OF CHAPEL HILL GAMEHolds Raleigh's Winning Score  
Down to 9 to 0.In Chilling Hall, Wilmington High  
School Loses Eastern Football  
Championship, Despite Un-  
failing Fighting Spirit.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 11.—Wilmington lost the high school football championship of the eastern part of the State here today when Raleigh, after a hard fight, secured a drop kick and a touchdown in the last two quarters, making the final score 9 to 0. Despite the chilling hall which fell from the first to the fourth quarter, both teams fought fiercely and kept the gridiron hot with brilliant runs and long passes. Ikey Silverman, of Wilmington, was the star of the game, showing extraordinary speed and pluckiness. Wilmington's fighting spirit was admirable to the end. Even in the last few minutes Raleigh was forced to fight desperately to avert a possible tie.

In the first half there was nothing to choose between the two teams and it seemed that the game would end without a score. Wilmington made several good gains on end runs and forward passes but was unable to make any progress over Raleigh's line. In the third quarter, however, Raleigh marched up to Wilmington's 15-yard line from which on the fourth down Mills, Raleigh's quarterback, put a drop kick between the goal posts.

In the fourth quarter Raleigh made her only touchdown. Faucette, Raleigh's fullback, received Wilmington's punt on his 30-yard line and, by a brilliant 65-yard run through the whole Wilmington team, brought the ball within five yards of Wilmington's goal posts. Champion went over the line for a touchdown on the first attempt. Mills failed to kick goal.

The stars of the game were numerous, but they were all outshone by Ikey Silverman, Wilmington's right half. Swift on the offense and tackling with precision at crucial points in the game, he made most of Wilmington's best gains and was a chief factor in keeping Raleigh's offense small. With a lame ankle in the fourth quarter, he pluckily refused to leave the game and with his star work continued to keep the crowd cheering.

Mills, Champion, Faucette and Terrell for Raleigh did stellar work also.

**Wilmington**  
Spill..... LG ..... Hill  
Hanes..... RE ..... Johnson  
Coley..... LG ..... Johnson  
Terrell..... C ..... Rhodes  
Norwood..... RG ..... Davis  
D. Daniels..... RB ..... Davis  
E. Mills..... QB ..... Hall  
Faucette..... LH ..... Grant  
Champion..... RH ..... Silverman  
Hotchkiss..... FB ..... Bagley  
Substitutions for Wilmington: McEachern for Hanby, Bunting for McEachern, Griffith for Monroe, Monroe for Davis, Davis for Bunting. Officials, Dave Taylor, referee, Roy Brown, umpire, Merrill Parker, head linesman, Professor Daggett, time keeper. Time of quarters, ten minutes.

**VIOLATOR SWEET, CADET AT  
V. M. I., DIES OF PARALYSIS**

Reports That Illness Was Caused by  
Injuries From Hazing Denied.

Lexington, Va., Dec. 11.—Thurber Sweet, a 17-year-old fourth class man at the Virginia Military Institute, and son of Charles A. Sweet, of Chicago, died here last night from paralysis resulting from inflammation of the spinal cord. Superintendent E. W. Nichols and Dr. O. Hunter McClung, surgeon at the institute, today denied reports that paralysis resulted from injuries which Sweet claimed to have received in hazing by upper classmen early in the season. The boy's parents also were said to put no credence in the hazing reports.

Sweet entered the school early in October. A few days later he appeared at the home of Paul R. Scott, of Washington and Lee University and was said to have exhibited bruises on his back and cuts on his hands, alleging that upper classmen had beaten him with bayonets and otherwise mistreated him. He returned to the home of Mr. Scott for several days and in the meantime had been posted at the institute and patrols began search for him.

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tled—B. W. Walker Is  
Elected President.

New Orleans, Dec. 11.—The re-admission into membership of these institutions which had been withdrawn, the settlement of several important questions relating to rules which had occasioned friction for several years and the formation of a separate athletic organization in the South were among the notable developments of the closing session here today of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association's convention. The meeting adjourned to meet next December in Charleston, S. C., and elected B. W. Walker, dean of the Mississippi A. &amp; M. College, as president.

Just before adjournment representatives of Auburn and the University of Georgia, which resigned this season, and of Georgia School of Technology, which withdrew about two years ago, requested the association to admit them to membership again. This was granted with cheers.

The members of the Southern conference, which was formed early today by seven institutions which declared their purpose to enforce the one year residence rule for football players, was increased to eight later in the day when the University of South Carolina joined the organization. Formation of the conference was the outcome of the abolition of the one year rule by the S. I. A. A. at its meeting last night.

A new rule adopted today relating to summer baseball provides that a student who has been in a member college a full year, and has met the scholarship requirements, "may play summer baseball for his expenses on any team he may elect, provided the team is not a member of a league recognized by the American Sports Guide."

Another new rule prohibits association teams from playing any team which has withdrawn from the association between annual meetings. In addition to the University of South Carolina, the institutions which joined the Southern Conference are Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn); the State University of Georgia; Tennessee and Kentucky; Mississippi A. & M. College; Clemson College and Georgia School of Technology.

**SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACE ENDS.**

Fred Hill, of Boston, and Alfred Grenada, of Australia, Win.

New York, Dec. 11.—Fred Hill, of Boston, and Alfred Grenada, of Australia, won the 23rd annual six-day bicycle race which closed at 10:05 o'clock tonight in Madison Square Garden.

The final score was 2,770 miles and 80 laps, which bettered by 11 miles and six laps the best previous mark which was set by Goulet and Grenada in New York in 1914.

McNamara and Spears finished second, while Magin and Lawrence were tied with Thomas and Ryan for third place. Then came in the order named: Egg and Dupuy, Eaton and Madden, Wallace and Moran, Hanley and Halstead, Drobach and Corry, Sere and Linart, and Mitten and Hansen.

**INTERESTED IN COTTON MILL**

Large Attendance Expected at Meeting at Whiteville 15th.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Whiteville, N. C., Dec. 11.—Considerable interest is being taken in the meeting to be held in the court house here Wednesday next for the purpose of lining up the people for cotton factory. A large number of citizens will meet who to March 1st will be made by several. An invitation is extended to everybody interested to attend the mass meeting.

**SENATE REPUBLICANS  
FINISH ASSIGNMENTS**

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The commerce committee, where he will succeed Senator Burton as the leader for economy in river and harbor appropriations.

Senator Underwood, Democrat, of Alabama, goes to the appropriations committee and becomes chairman of the committee on Cuban relations. Senator Root of California, succeeds Senator Kenyon for the foreign relations committee and is planning to protest.

Congress probably will recess next Saturday for the holidays and reassemble January 3. The war tax law expires by limitation December 31, but it probably will be re-enacted next week with the understanding that a substitute later will be offered with the Administration amendments to increase revenues. Republicans have expressed notice that they will fight amendments.

**MAIN ARMIES NOW  
APPARENTLY IN A  
WINTER DEADLOCK**

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General Joffre continues in general command of all the French fronts.

General DeCastellau, who is known as the savior of Nancy, was born in 1851. He saw his first active military duty in the war of 1870. His real career began in 1896 when he became a member of the general staff. Three years later he took charge of the famous "Iron division" at Nancy. When the European war broke out he was given command of one of the most important armies destined for operations in Lorraine.

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CONVENTION DATE IS  
FORMALLY ANNOUNCEDDemocrats Will Gather at St.  
Louis June 14, 1916.Chairman McCombs Announces Personal  
Committee on Arrangements—Goes to St. Louis to  
Commence Preparations.

New York, Dec. 11.—William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, issued a formal call today for the Democratic National Convention in St. Louis, June 14, 1916, and announced the personnel of the committee on arrangements. The committee consists of Clark Howell, Georgia; Charles Boeschenstein, Illinois; Thomas Taggart, Indiana; Wilbur M. Marsh, Iowa; Robert Ewing, Louisiana; Edwin O. Wood, Michigan; Edward F. Goltra, Missouri; J. Bruce Kremer, Montana; Eugene E. Reed, New Hampshire; Robert S. Hudspeth, New Jersey; Norman E. Mack, New York; E. H. Moore, Ohio; and the chairman; Homer S. Cummings, vice chairman; Rolla Wells, treasurer, and Thomas J. Pence secretary, members ex-officio.

The statement calls attention to the plank in the party platform directing that in each state where it is not provided by law, "all expressions of preference for presidential candidates shall be given and the selection of delegates and alternates made through primary elections conducted by the party organization in each state."

Two delegates and two alternates for every Senator and for every representative in Congress from each state, based on the congressional apportionment of the 64th Congress, and six delegates and six alternates each from the District of Columbia, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines are to be chosen. Mr. McCombs left tonight for St. Louis to make preliminary arrangements for the convention.

**ENLISTMENTS WILL BE MADE  
UP UNTIL MIDNIGHT SUNDAY.**

British Recruiting Officers are Crowded to Overhallow.

London, Dec. 11.—The enrollment of volunteers under Lord Derby's plan for immediate and future military service could not be completed today on account of the number of recruits enlisting officers throughout the kingdom at the 11th hour. Therefore, the war office announced the extension of the time until midnight Sunday with a possible further extension to midnight Wednesday.

Recruiting will continue Sunday and if the numbers of the past two days are kept up the total enlistment for the last three days probably will equal the total for any preceding three weeks.

The process of enlistment was attended by picturesque and enthusiastic gatherings. Bands and orators have been busy. The keynote of the speeches has been that Britons should show the world that free men are able and willing to defend their country without compulsion.

There is no information at present regarding the number of new recruits, but the trade union leaders tonight confidently declared that the Derby campaign was a success. The last census gave the number of men in England, Scotland and Wales between the ages of 16 and 44 years as 3,100,000, nearly half of whom were single. The general understanding has been that about three million entered the army before Lord Derby's recruiting began.

It is believed that between 30 and 35 per cent of the remainder have presented themselves for attestation.

**WILSON AGAIN LEADS IN  
LEAF TOBACCO SALES**

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from the sea of his love for everything that is German."

Count von Reventlow, in the Tages Zeitung in a leader headed "Wilson's Policy Toward Germany," declares that the press campaign against Germany is in line with Mr. Wilson's attitude, and continues:

"One might almost assume that since Mr. Wilson is convinced that he cannot win the German-American element for himself anyway he now abandons further attempts and pictures German-Americans as the country's enemies, according to the old rule. Now give it to him good! \* \* \* probably he desires also to take the wind out of his sails. He has no right to demand a rupture of relations with Germany."

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## TOP O' THE MORNING

In the days of earthly joy and prosper-  
ity, keep the view between your  
soul and heaven clear and open. Do  
not let the trees grow up about your  
life's home, so as to shut out your  
view of the mountains of God.

—J. R. MILLER.

But the bowl.

Each wants his way and deems it  
best. While some say nay and call it  
fest.

The verse written by the paragraph-  
ers is awfuller than the verse in per-  
verse.

A man may be criticised for trying  
to do something, but if he does not try  
he'll never be able to do it.

Secretary McAdoo has a national pre-  
paredness policy. We may yet have  
to McAdoo things along that line.

Owing to the location of Switzerland,  
if we would ever have a war with her,  
it would have to be a war of words.  
"Kedus in tecto," etc.

An exchange remarks: "We are in  
the last lap of 1915." We know it,  
but we'd like to shift over into the  
lap of luxury for a while.

Winston Churchill says he is going  
to the front, but he is sure to get snub-  
bed if he offers to pay the way of the  
cabinet if it will go there with him.

An Atlanta man claims that he drinks  
fifty bottles of beer a day. Even at  
that, he cannot flatter himself that  
he is anything but one of Atlanta's two  
legged tanks.

Under the rule of the fight between  
Pat and Make, rather side to the scarp  
in Europe is yet willing to indicate  
that it has enough by justly exclaim-  
ing "Sufficiency!"

Today is one of only three more  
Sundays in 1915. It reminds us that we  
have six more chances to go to church  
during the most momentous year in  
the history of the world.

Says a New York newspaper head-  
line: "Bryan Coming, But Not Go-  
ing." Nevertheless, the Colonel is al-  
ways coming and going when it suits  
him. His natural gait is going some.

It is announced that a Houston woman  
has baked 1,500 pounds of fruit  
cake for Christmas, but whether it be  
true or not, Houston is getting about as  
much publicity out of it as Mr. Ford  
is getting out of his peace voyage.

Colonel Bryan did not go on the  
Ford peace voyage, owing to the fact  
that he took a notion that he was need-  
ed here to oppose militarism. At the  
same time, Representative Kitchin  
hasn't intimated that he needs any  
help.

Somewhere laughed at a man for hav-  
ing an argument with a woman but he  
denied it. He made it satisfactory by  
explaining that the woman was having  
an argument with him and that all he  
did was to try to get around her argu-  
ment.

Whoever said that nobody but married  
men favor a civilian camp for  
military training knows what he is  
without being called "another." How-  
ever, married men feel that it is their  
duty to attend a training camp in  
order to furnish a good example in  
the matter of taking orders without  
questioning the authority of those who  
give the command. Anyhow, it's all pa-  
triotism that's going to lure the married  
men to camp.

Whenever the belligerents begin to  
talk like they would be willing to  
"give and take"—each give a little and  
take a little—the time will be propi-  
tious for peace-makers to offer their  
services. Both sides pretend to be-  
lieve that they will be victors, so un-  
til that confidence is shaken on one  
side or the other, the war will go on.  
Delusion has to give way to terrible  
realization before it is worth while  
to talk peace. A confident enemy needs  
more drubbing to bring him to his  
senses.

## PRACTICAL CO-OPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT.

Practical co-operation between the  
people of the towns and those of the  
country, and between cities and towns  
in large territories tributary to the  
cities, is having a marked effect upon  
some cities and the country adjacent  
to them. Progress and development go  
hand in hand in both the town and the  
country and live men are recognizing  
the fact that each is a potential com-  
munity factor in the work of mutual  
development of the urban and rural  
units of a community, whether to be  
large or small. Some features of de-  
velopment naturally depend on both  
the town and the country, and cer-  
tainly the most satisfactory progress  
along some lines is that achieved by  
co-operation. Here is one of them as  
noted in an editorial in the Savannah  
News:

"Members of the Laurens county  
Farmers' Union have decided to build  
a meat curing and storage plant at  
Dublin. They are learning the value  
of co-operation in obtaining small in-  
dustries for Georgia cities—industries  
that are dependent upon the surround-  
ing farms. The Morning News fre-  
quently has said there are many op-  
portunities for farmers and business  
men of Georgia communities to get to-  
gether to build up both the country  
districts and the towns and cities, and  
it is always glad to call attention to  
efforts to co-operate in that way."

Of course, the business men of  
Dublin are co-operating with the  
farmers in the establishment of a meat  
curing and storage plant in that en-  
terprising little city. It means a new  
industry in the city, even if the farm-  
ers have taken the initiative in the  
matter. The growth of the livestock  
industry in the county has made a  
necessity and in any necessity we find  
a good opportunity. Quite naturally,  
the town is the place for a meat clear-  
ing house, because it requires a point  
with the facilities of curing, storage,  
distribution and marketing.

The necessity for abattoirs and meat  
curing and storage concerns is the  
outgrowth of a developing livestock  
industry, so it shows us that one in-  
dustry logically leads to another. The  
next in line to the facilities for tak-  
ing care of a merely local meat busi-  
ness is a great packing house indus-  
try that sooner or later one of our  
South Atlantic cities must have as the  
inevitable result of an extensive de-  
velopment of the livestock industry.  
Indeed, it is abattoirs, meat curing  
and storage plants and packing houses  
that we must depend upon to promote  
the raising of cattle and hogs. These  
related industries naturally have to  
grow up together, one just as fast as  
the other, as a guarantee of success  
for both.

It must be understood that if the  
South is going to have a meat sur-  
plus for sale, the meats which are go-  
ing to become commercial commodities  
have to be of uniform grade and qual-  
ity. It is only in the meat curing  
houses where curing, packing and  
marketing can be done under a system  
that will appeal to the trade and make  
a sure market for the South's meat  
products.

We expect some day to see a great  
livestock industry in the South, and,  
of course, the meaning of that is that  
some one of the most enterprising of  
our cities will become the Chicago or  
the Kansas City of the South.

We are confident that the livestock  
industry is bound to develop in the  
South. It is one of our greatest op-  
portunities, made so by the resources  
and adaptabilities at our command. We  
do not care how much Georgia devel-  
ops along that line, just so North Car-  
olina also sees her opportunity and  
keeps pace with Georgia.

## THE TAR HEEL SCORES.

Quite naturally, it is a source of  
pride for us to know that North Car-  
olina's young men are of the kind who  
are both able and worthy and quite  
capable of winning their way. We  
want to emphasize that idea of win-  
ning because of the fact that when a  
man wins it shows that he has been up  
against competition and has made good.  
It is an honor for a man to win,  
because it indicates that his distinc-  
tion or success has depended solely  
upon him. A man might be promoted  
by favoritism along the line of dis-  
tinction, but when he achieves it him-  
self he is worthy of our admiration  
and commendation.

It is that way with young Dr. Louis  
Hicks Williams, of Faison, who came  
out at the head of a class of gradu-  
ates in medicine and surgery, at the  
recent examination before the Central  
Naval Examining Board, at the United  
States Naval Academy, charged with  
making the examinations for positions  
in the medical reserve corps of the  
navy. In that examination the young  
North Carolina doctor came out first  
among two other candidates, who also  
passed the examination. Dr. Williams  
is now eligible to appointment as a  
naval surgeon and his appointment is  
now in the hands of President Wilson.

Dr. Williams is from Faison, N. C.,  
and while Faison has reason to feel  
that honor has been reflected on the  
native place of the doctor we want to  
make it broader and say that the honor  
belongs to the whole of North Car-  
olina, except that Faison furnished the  
North Carolinian who won the honor.  
Dr. Williams is a graduate of the Uni-  
versity of North Carolina and is a post  
graduate of the medical department of  
Johns Hopkins University at Balti-  
more. At Johns Hopkins he had the  
distinction of winning a scholarship  
at the last term, standing second there  
before the State Board of Medical Ex-  
aminers last June. While he came out  
second in this examination before the  
Maryland board, the man just ahead of  
him won first honor by the merest  
fraction of one point. The naval ex-

aminations were held at several places  
in November.

The world loves a winner, and North  
Carolina is one part of the world  
which agrees that the winners merit  
their praise and that it is due to them  
when they honor their State.

## A U. D. C. DEPARTMENT

We hardly know whether to congrat-  
ulate the State Journal or the United  
Daughters of the Confederacy upon  
the fact that there is now a monthly  
department in the Journal for the U.  
D. C. Editor Alex. J. Field has set  
aside a whole page or more to that  
noble organization of North Carolina  
women, and it is one part of a North  
Carolina paper that the Daughters can  
call their own. Pages 10 and 11 of the  
edition of December 10 are devoted to  
news and official reports from the dif-  
ferent chapters of the organization in  
this State.

The matter in the U. D. C. depart-  
ment this week is full of general in-  
terest as well as organization concern.  
The department is conducted by the  
Daughters themselves, and there are  
plenty of them with the genius and  
ability to make it a splendid feature  
of the State Journal. While the de-  
partment is theirs, it is not for them  
alone, but for all the readers of the  
Journal. Co-operation is requested  
from all who feel an interest in the  
U. D. C., and that is everybody in  
North Carolina.

The readers of the State Journal  
ought to be legion, for Editor Field is  
making it a distinctly home publi-  
cation of a class that ought to make it  
a welcome visitor to every family in  
the State. The State Journal has a  
mission and it is broadening its scope  
and extending its life influence all the  
time. It is a growing institution, and  
the ambition and purpose of the pub-  
lisher is to make it "mirror the life of  
a great people, including the glory of  
the past as well as the achievements  
of the present." The editor's lofty pur-  
pose is to make the publication a  
hopeful vision of the future as well  
and, therefore, the young as well as  
the old have a distinct interest in such  
a North Carolina journal. It is  
weekly and its merit is not only pro-  
nounced but increasing in every admi-  
rable feature from week to week.

By the way, communications and  
matters of interest for the U. D. C. de-  
partment are solicited, and they may  
be addressed to Miss Winifred Faison,  
of Faison, N. C.

## STANDING PAT ON WAR

Interest in the peace talk of the  
past week is widespread and hope is  
universal that it is the beginning of  
the end of the war in Europe. That is  
the way the world likes to take it, and  
it is natural for us to regard it as an  
"opening" for peace, be it ever so  
small. At any rate, the belligerents  
have gone to talking and that in it-  
self is a hopeful sign that peace is  
not despised by any of them. Their  
talk also is an evidence that they are  
giving the subject at least some little  
thought.

The peace talk of the Teutons and  
the Allies of the past few days is a pa-  
radise of bluff and bravado, but the state-  
ment of Mr. Albert Thomas, under-  
secretary of war for France; the British  
declaration by Premier Asquith on the  
same subject, and the deliverance of  
Imperial Chancellor Bethmann-Holl-  
weg, as the spokesman for the Teutons,  
somewhat as an answer to the British  
and French position as to peace, sum-  
med up as a whole convey to us only  
hope.

The British and French position is  
one of standing pat till the death knell  
of German imperialism shall have  
been sounded. That means that their  
purpose and determination is to fight on.  
They stand pat, in other words.  
Counter to that is the declaration of  
the Central Powers that if they want  
peace they can get it by modifying their  
attitude, and if they do not do so the  
responsibility for continuing the war  
is on the Allies. The German attitude  
is one of readiness and determination  
to keep on fighting till a more com-  
promising position is taken by the na-  
tions which are fighting them.

The way is now open for a com-  
promise and that is to the advantage  
of all the belligerents and the world  
as well. The time is propitious for  
good offers of peace, but as to that  
the next move is up to the neutrals.  
The innings is that of some neutral,  
for the belligerents have just been to  
the bat. Wisdom has to come into play  
now, and the first thing in that par-  
ticular is to decide whether propo-  
sitions are premature or timely. Who  
knows?

The new comet discovered at Cape  
Town about ten days ago can no where  
seen in the United States with a small  
telescope. It is called Taylor's comet  
because of its discovery by Professor  
Taylor, an astronomist whose observa-  
tory is in South Africa. Some folks  
have an idea that a comet is a cele-  
stial sign warning the people of the  
earth of war, pestilence, famine and  
earth tragedies, but let us hope that  
Taylor's comet is showing itself in  
the home of the heavens as a harbinger  
of peace in Europe and peace for the  
world. It is astonishing how many  
people in this country, 3,000 miles away  
from the war, are letting it work on  
their nerves till they are almost pos-  
sessed of hysteria.

We sometimes call a thing model in  
accordance with our limited conception  
of models. We may be qualified to  
suggest only such models as we con-  
ceive to be such. They may be very  
far from it and we are forced to re-  
cognize it as soon as we see that some-  
body else's model lays ours in the  
shade. Some women think they have  
model husbands, but other women  
would not want them to pick out any  
model for them.

The Tampa Tribune says an anxious  
woman inquires: "How can I keep  
my husband at home?" So far as we  
are concerned, we are not able to ad-  
vise her, unless she can convince us  
that her husband is worth keeping at  
home. There are some husbands who  
are nuisances at home as well as down  
town. As a matter of fact, that an-  
xious woman might make a mistake if  
she were to keep her husband at home.

The Jacksonville Times-Union pauses  
to make this observation: "Love and  
champagne make the world go-around."  
Those words can but come from a vet-  
eran of the great whirl. He is also  
suspected of knowing that love and  
champagne make the world come  
across as well as go around some.

When a guest gets the cold shoulder  
he ought to know that his host doesn't  
care to make any excuse or explana-  
tion.

## HAZING SAID TO BE THE

### CAUSE OF CADET'S DEATH

Thurber Sweet, of Chicago, Dies at Vir-  
ginia Military Institute.

Ronoke, Dec. 11.—The death of Ca-  
det Thurber Sweet, at Virginia Military  
Institute yesterday, was due, it is  
said, to injuries caused by hazing.  
Sweet, who is the 17-year-old son of  
C. A. Sweet, said to be a Chicago mil-  
lionaire, left the institute soon after  
October 1, claiming he had been un-  
mercifully beaten with bayonets. The  
boy was cared for by friendly stu-  
dents at Washington and Lee and was  
attended by Dr. J. M. Scott, who is  
said to have declared that injuries at  
the end of the spinal column might re-  
sult in paralysis. Sweet, became de-  
sperately ill November 25 and was re-  
moved to the institute hospital, where  
he died.

As he was about to board a train  
for Lexington today, General E. W.  
Nicholas, superintendent of the Vir-  
ginia Military Institute made the fol-  
lowing statement:  
"Cadet Sweet entered V. M. I. early  
in October. A few days later he dis-  
appeared from the institution and  
could not be located by patrols. He  
was found later at a house in Lex-  
ington and brought back to the school.  
Since the middle of October he has  
been confined to the hospital suffer-  
ing with spinal trouble. No less than  
five specialists were consulted in an  
attempt to relieve him."

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Thurber Sweet  
was the son of Charles A. Sweet, vice  
president of the W. Scott Thurber Art  
Galleries. His parents went to Vir-  
ginia to be near him a week ago.

SNOW STORM AT GREENSBORO.  
Five inches at 10 o'clock last night  
and still falling.

(Special Star Telegram.)  
Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 11.—Green-  
sboro is in the grip of what appears  
to be the most severe snow storm in  
years. It began snowing in earnest  
about 5 o'clock and at 10 o'clock to-  
night is five inches deep and still  
pouring down.

## PROBABLY FATALLY BURNED

Clothing of Aged LaGrange Lady  
Catches From Open Grate.

(Special Star Telegram.)  
Kinston, N. C., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Mary  
Sutton, aged 82, a member of a promi-  
nent LaGrange family, was burned so  
badly today when her clothing caught  
fire from an open grate that she will  
probably die.

## FREE LIFE READINGS TO ALL WHO WRITE AT ONCE

The well-known European Astrolog-  
er, Prof. Roxroy, has once more decid-  
ed to favor the people of this country  
with Free Life Readings of their lives  
from his office in Holland.

Prof. Roxroy's fame is so widely known  
in this country that he hardly needs  
an introduction from us. His power to  
read the lives of people, no matter at  
what distance they may be, is described  
as simply marvellous.

In August  
1913 he clearly  
predicted the  
Great War and  
informed all his  
clients that a be-  
travement in  
Royal circles  
will affect most  
of the crowned  
heads of Eu-  
rope. Ever since  
Astrologers of  
various nation-  
alities and rep-  
utations have  
situated all over  
the world ac-  
cording to his  
footsteps. He tells you what you are  
capable of, and how you can be suc-  
cessful. He mentions your friends and  
enemies, and describes the good and  
bad in your life. His description  
as to past, present and future  
events will astonish and help you.

Europe's Eldest, one of the most  
talented ladies of Paris, says:  
"I thank you for my Complete Life  
Reading, which is really of extraor-  
dinary accuracy. I had already consulted  
several Astrologers, but never before  
have I been answered with so much  
truth, or received such complete satis-  
faction. With sincere pleasure I will  
recommend you and make your mar-  
velous science known to my friends and  
acquaintances."

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your full name and address (written by  
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## BRIGHTER CHILDREN

Children are probably brighter to-day  
than a generation ago—but are they  
stronger? That's a grave question.  
So many pinched faces, dulled eyes  
and languid feelings make us wonder  
if they will ever grow into robust,  
healthy men and women.

If your children catch colds easily,  
are tired when rising, lack healthy  
color, or find studies difficult, give  
them Scott's Emulsion for one month  
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## SHOULD USE THE LABORATORY

Dr. Nesbitt, County Health Officer, Calls Attention to Danger of Diphtheria Infection.

"There are still some of our citizens and, I regret to say, a very few of our physicians who either do not know that we have a laboratory completely equipped for the chemical and pathological work that is necessary for the control of the infectious diseases, or who do not understand the value of laboratory," is the statement made in the editorial in the November bulletin published by the New Hanover Board of Health.

Dr. Nesbitt, county health officer, said yesterday that reports from a great many towns and cities in the East and South show an unusual prevalence of diphtheria and has made it necessary in some cases to close the schools. Wilmington, however, has been especially free of this disease, he states, and until September 1 there was only 40 per cent. of the incidence of 1914 but since that time there has been a gradual increase in the number of cases and in order that this increase shall not continue, it will be necessary to enforce additional precautions for protection from infection.

Beginning today the quarantine officer will secure throat swabs from every case of diphtheria reported. This step is necessary in order that no case may escape detection and that citizens are urged whenever sore throat of any type appears in the family to notify the department. Drug stores are required by the regulations to make reports weekly of all diphtheria antitoxin and other curative serums and curatives sold and this law will be enforced strictly as well as the quarantine laws for all infectious diseases.

"We are prepared to determine the presence of typhoid, diphtheria, tuberculosis, syphilis and other determinable infections as accurately as can be done in any laboratory in the South," the health bulletin states. "Whenever such investigations have a public health value the service is absolutely free. There is no good reason why any person should be treated for these infections when they do not exist, and there is no reason for any physician to the undecided about his diagnosis in any such cases. Citizens have a right to demand that there be no guess work in treating their illnesses. They pay for this service and the Health Department is prepared and anxious to render it. It is true that it is often possible to determine the nature of an illness by the symptoms, yet no one can afford to neglect the means of being certain, especially when the means is as free as air. We will not only make the laboratory investigation for any physician who asks it, but we will give every assistance in securing specimens and reporting results. The Health Department is employed to prevent sickness and death. Please give us every possible opportunity to give every citizen his money's worth."

"Citizens sometimes object to having the various antitoxins and vaccines used to prevent diseases to which they or members of their families have been exposed. Every intelligent physician knows the value of these preventive measures and advises their use when needed. The Health Department furnishes any of these substances absolutely free, and when desired administers them free. In addition we buy the very best products that can be secured and keep our supplies on ice in a clean refrigerator at all times. We take no chances and ask that citizens and physicians take no chances. During the past six weeks three persons have had diphtheria because they objected to taking antitoxin. Infections are dangerous and it is unwise to say the least, to neglect any means of prevention. Use the antitoxins and vaccines, keep quarantine conscientiously, follow the advice of your physician religiously and the day will soon come when you will be free from many of the diseases which are now costing you so much in money and time, to say nothing of suffering."

## A LIVE MUSICAL COMEDY.

"September Morn" Pleases Audiences at Academy of Music.

Avoided by the usual audience of the "Tired Business Man," a creature, by the way, existing only in the polite fiction of the press agent, "September Morn" played to two full houses at the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon and last evening. The show is about the liveliest thing in the way of a musical comedy to be presented here this season, and both audiences were well pleased. For while "September Morn," taking its title from the famous painting of that name, makes its appeal for popularity chiefly on its music and a lavish display of feminine figure, there is nothing in it to offend the sensibilities of any but a prude.

The musical numbers are all good, but none of exceptional merit. Probably the most artistic feature of the show is the dancing of Jo Taylor, a clever little dancer taking the part of Argentina, the dancer. Curt Kent, as Teddy Van Dyke, who appeared with Miss Taylor in some of the dancing numbers, was also good. Carl George, as Professor Plastric, the art teacher, carried out comedy part, and never failed to draw a hearty laugh.

The production is well staged. The cast averages well for a road company; the scenery is new and fairly elaborate, and the costumes are fresh looking and unique, if somewhat scant at times.

Still bearing in mind that the "Tired Business Man" is and never has been a reality, to say that "September Morn" wins out every time with those who masquerade under that misleading classification sums it up very nicely.

## A. C. L. GENERAL SOLICITOR

G. B. Elliott, Esq., Given Important Promotion by Company.

G. B. Elliott, Esq., of this city, for a number of years the able assistant general counsel of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, has been appointed general solicitor for the road, according to an announcement which has just been made from the office of Hon. Alexander Hamilton, of Petersburg, Va., first vice president and general counsel of the company.

It is also announced that the office will continue to be in this city, which will be welcome news to Wilmington people. Mr. Elliott is an able lawyer and is popular here and at all other points along the line where he is known. He is considered one of the best posted railroad men in the State.

## Attractive Window Display.

Mr. Hardy Haar, of the People's Supply Company, has arranged a most attractive window display in this store, No. 206 North Front street, which has attracted much attention. Nuts, raisins, cranberries and other things that go to make up holiday dishes have been arranged in a pleasing manner.

## MUCH INTEREST MANIFESTED

In the Good Roads Meeting to Be Held at Burgaw Next Friday—Large Attendance Expected.

Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist and good roads enthusiast, and Mr. W. S. Falls, State Highway Commissioner, have been invited to attend the good roads meeting which will be held at Burgaw on Friday of this week. From all the reports that are coming in there will be large attendance and it is hoped that these gentlemen can attend and give some helpful suggestions on how to secure that highway from Wilmington to Fayetteville.

A letter has been received from Major George E. Butler, of Clinton, stating that there will be a large delegation from that place at the meeting and also stating that Roseboro, Delway, Harrell's Store, Currie, Atkinson and other places will be represented. It is expected that there will be at least a hundred men to go from Wilmington to attend the meeting.

Members of the Wilmington Rotary club are actively engaged in arousing interest in the meeting and this organization will have a large delegation in attendance. Mr. W. D. MacMillan, Jr., chairman of the automobile committee, requests that all who will furnish machines for the trip Friday to notify him. He wishes to know how many each machine can carry.

The Wilmington delegation will leave this city about 9:30 o'clock Friday morning and will return about 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

## NO SNOW IN WILMINGTON.

This City Escapes While Other Portions of State are Wracked.

While a severe snow storm gripped Greensboro and probably other places in North Carolina in its grasp last night, Wilmington again escaped. This is not an unusual phenomenon, however, for often during the winter season snow from several inches to a foot deep covers the western and central parts of the State and reaches within 50 and 75 miles of Wilmington while there is none here. In Wilmington yesterday and last night the weather was cold and raw. Cloudiness during the day turned into rain late in the afternoon and for several hours during the earlier part of the night there was a blizzard of wind and rain that made traveling on the streets extremely unpleasant. A Greensboro dispatch in The Star this morning says snow was five inches deep there last night and still falling.

## MEMBER AVIATION CORPS IN FRANCE IS INJURED

Son of Ex-Ambassador Marburg, of Baltimore, Reported Badly Hurt.

Friends in Wilmington were informed by telegram from Baltimore yesterday that Mr. Theodore Marburg, Jr., son of Hon. Theodore Marburg, formerly ambassador from the United States to Belgium, had been badly injured about the head, body and legs while serving as a member of the French Aviation Corps. Young Marburg went to France some time ago to enlist in the aviation service.

The news of his injury was contained in a cablegram to his father at his home in Baltimore and no particulars. It is understood that Mr. Marburg will sail immediately for France to be with his son.

## GROCERIES SCATTERED.

Delivery Wagon Damaged by Taxicab.

Groceries were scattered around in profusion last evening about 6:30 o'clock on Chestnut street between Fourth and Fifth when a taxicab of the Wilmington Taxicab Co., which was driven by Willie McGee, colored, ran into a delivery wagon of the People's Supply Co., which was in charge of Charles Walker, colored. Fortunately there was little damage done, although the perch pole of the vehicle was broken and the harness on the horse was torn up.

The wagon was standing still near the curb when the driver was delivering some groceries when the automobile ran into it. Walker was standing behind the buggy and narrowly missed being hit. It was stated that there was no light on the taxicab and this was denied by the driver of the machine.

## FENLEY AND BURNETT WIN.

Interesting Tennis Tournament Held Yesterday Afternoon.

An interesting tennis tournament was held yesterday afternoon on one of the local courts, in which B. Fenley and "Red" Burnett beat Paul Hammond and J. M. Smith two out of three sets. The first set was 4 to 1 in favor of Hammond and Smith; the second was 6 to 4 in favor of Fenley and Burnett and the third was 6 to 2 in favor of Fenley and Burnett.

In a women's tournament Paul Hammond substituted for B. Fenley. Hammond and Smith won the first two sets, 10 to 8 and 6 to 2, while Burnett and Fenley won the third, 9 to 7.

## Fire Department Called Three Times.

The city fire department was called out twice yesterday. At 12:06 P. M. an alarm was sent in from box 124 on account of a fire at No. 507 McKee street. The two-story house is owned by Dr. Mark estate, a store on the first floor being occupied by Jim Johnson, colored, and the second floor by Eugene Canady, colored, and is used as a boarding house. The damage was reported to be about \$25. A telephone call told of a fire at No. 609 Walnut street, in a one-story house owned and occupied by John Taylor, colored. The damage was only slight.

## Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were filed for record yesterday: A. H. High and L. W. Moore, trustees, to A. H. Reeder, for \$100 and other considerations, lot 27 Winter Park Gardens, Chadbourn Lumber Company to J. W. Mitchell, for \$100 and other considerations, lot on northwest corner of 13th and Queen streets, 28x39 feet in size; W. S. Cooper, et al., to Florence Hayes Caldwell, for \$100, five acres in Cape Fear township.

## Elder Shepard to Preach.

There will be the usual services at the Sixth Street Advent Christian church today at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Elder G. W. Shepard, president of the Second Advent Christian Conference of Eastern North Carolina, will preach at both services. There will be Sunday school at 3 p. m. Prayer meeting is conducted every Tuesday night. The public is invited to all services.

## STATE BASKETBALL CONTEST

Rules for Second Annual High School Championship Series of Games in North Carolina.

The rules and regulations for the second annual high school championship contest in basketball, under the auspices of the University of North Carolina, have been announced. The contest will be open only to North Carolina public schools, city and rural.

Any basketball team representing a high school, city or rural, that shall have played and won up to and including February 19, 1916, as many as three games from teams representing schools of similar rank and shall have lost none, shall be eligible to enter the championship series, provided the manager shall by February 21 send a record of the games played.

To be eligible for a place on a team a player must be a bona fide student of the school which he represents. To be a bona fide student he must be in regular attendance at the time of any game in which he participates and he must have been in regular attendance for at least 30 per cent. of the school year up to the time of any game in which he participates, and he must have made passing grades on a majority of his studies.

No post-graduate of a school—that is, no student who has already finished a standard year in a high school course as outlined by the State department of education, shall be eligible to play on the teams.

No teacher, professional athlete, or former college player shall be allowed to take part in the games under any circumstances.

If one or more ineligible players are used in a game during a game, then that game shall be forfeited to the opposing team.

Immediately after February 21, the committee in consultation with the different managers and coaches will arrange preliminary contests for the purpose of selecting through a process of elimination two teams which shall come to Chapel Hill for the final State championship game, the date for this to be settled by the committee.

The committee will pay one-half the railway fare both ways and will provide entertainment at Chapel Hill for the two teams which shall be selected to play the championship game.

No two teams can ordinarily play more than two games with one another. In the event that a third game is desired, the committee will have to be notified and pass on the matter.

Any protest shall be made direct to the committee, provided it shall have been made within 24 hours of the game. If it seems necessary for protests to be made, it is urged that the manager of the team making the protest shall, where possible, notify the committee at Chapel Hill and the manager of the opposing team of the protest before the game has been played.

In the event that a team has played a hard schedule, the committee reserves the right to raise the letter of the requirement in rule 2, if after carefully reviewing its record such a course seems wise, and allow it to enter the contest, provided it shall have won 75 per cent. of the games played.

The committee further reserves the right to permit a team having less than a record of 75 per cent. victories to enter the championship series, should such a course, after having been carefully considered, seem right and proper to the committee.

In case it appears that some team has deliberately cancelled a scheduled game with another team or has deliberately avoided meeting a rival team, the committee reserves the privilege of dealing with the situation as it thinks best.

The games shall be played under intercollegiate rules, which are the only rules now existing.

The committee at the University is composed of N. W. Walker, chairman; E. R. Rankin, secretary; T. G. Trenchard, and C. E. Ervin.

## BOYS HAVE BIG TIME

Hunting for Membership Cards Prove of Much Interest—Luncheon.

There were 35 boys who took part in the hunt for the membership cards in the contest which was given under the auspices of the Boys' Division of the Y. M. C. A. yesterday morning. Clarence Wilson was successful in getting the membership card which was hidden in the northern part of the city and Otto Jordan secured the one in the southern part. After the hunt for the membership cards, the boys gathered in the club room of the association and had luncheon. Howard Pen-ton, president of the Round Dose club, presided at the meeting.

Inspiring addresses were made to the boys by Messrs. D. H. Howes, Jr., J. P. Setters and C. Walton Johnson, after which there were several amusing stunts pulled off, including an imitation of an operation in a hospital in which one of the boys played the stellar role. There was boxing contests and several other enjoyable features.

## Automobile Ran Into Buggy.

Richard McGowan, colored, who lives in East Wilmington, was taken to the police last night that as he was returning to his home about 7:30 o'clock some person in an automobile ran into the vehicle at Fourth and Orange streets, breaking a shaft and slightly injuring the horse. He did not know who it was.

## MR. W. G. McLAUGHLIN DEAD.

Was for Long Time in Service of Atlantic Coast Line.

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 11.—Mr. W. G. McLaughlin, who had been in poor health for nearly two years, died last night at his home in this city, aged 53. The funeral will be conducted from the First Presbyterian church by the pastor, Rev. W. M. Fairley, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment will be in Cross Creek cemetery.

Mr. McLaughlin was for a long time in the employ of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He was also a member of Cumberland Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of this city, and a member of the Presbyterian church.

## DIED.

THOMAS.—At his home, No. 608 MacRae street, this city, Joseph G. Thomas.

Funeral from Second Seventh Day Adventist church this (Sunday) afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Don't in the Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend. (Advertisement.)

## The Carolina Dining Room.

Meals that satisfy. Only high class food served. Cheaper than keeping house. Phone 1397-J. no 17-w-s-u-f. (Advertisement.)

## BIG MASS MEETING FOR MEN

Dr. Dr. Loring Clark Will Make Address at St. James' Episcopal Church This Afternoon.

Today marks the close of the special services at St. James' Episcopal church. The usual services will be held during the day, but the most notable will be that for men at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at which Rev. Dr. Loring Clark will speak on "The Christian Ideal in Brotherhood."

This service has been advertised in every way possible by the men of St. James'. Cards of invitation have been distributed far and wide, and every effort has been made to make the men of the whole community feel that this is their service, and not merely the service of the Episcopal congregations. The Y. M. C. A. is lending its aid to the Brotherhoods of St. Andrew in the city, both in order to secure a larger distribution of the invitations, and as a guarantee that the service is general and not denominational. The Junior Order of American Mechanics voted at their last meeting to attend in body, and the Pythians have also been especially invited through one of their members.

It is hoped that other orders will be interested also, and use their influence to get out a thoroughly representative attendance of men. The service will be informal, and of a nature that all can follow. The singing will be a special feature, led by a male chorus. Dr. Clark has been in the city for 3 weeks, and has profoundly impressed those who have been privileged to attend the various services he has held. Many congregations and quite a number of the Christian ministers of the city have been present at some one or more of them. And the universal judgment seems to be that he is a man of rare gifts and above all, he has a message which for its charm of presentation, its simplicity, its directness, its grasp of Scriptural truth, its reasonableness, its knowledge of human need, is well nigh irresistible.

Those who have not yet heard him will miss a rare opportunity, if they do not avail themselves of some one of the opportunities open to them today. And the special opportunity for the men of the city is the mass meeting at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

## ENLARGE BUSINESS

Meares Typewriting and Advertising Company to Add New Equipment.

The Meares Typewriting and Advertising Company, which has been located at No. 114 Princess street for the past eight years, has leased the entire two floors of the building above the basement and will greatly enlarge its business. Two new job presses will be installed and also a perforating machine and other fixtures which will enable this concern to do all kinds of high class printing, including engraving and embossing effects.

Mr. Meares Harris, manager of the concern, stated yesterday that he has had an enlargement of his business under consideration for some time but several things had caused a delay in carrying out his plans. However, his business has now reached such a point that he feels that it is incumbent upon him to enlarge his equipment in order to take care of it. All of the fixtures and presses will be operated by machinery.

## SPECIAL MEETING CHAMBER

Traffic Committee Will Report at Important Session Tomorrow.

At a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, called by President Hall for tomorrow at 4 p. m., the traffic committee of the organization, Mr. A. Taylor, chairman, will report on passenger service, and freight receiving hours.

At two previous meetings of the Chamber, proposals have been entered by certain members, both in regard to inadequate passenger service and to inadequate of the closing hours for receiving freight. The report from the traffic committee, which has given considerable thought and effort to necessary improvements along this line and has had conferences with railroad officials, with the view of securing better accommodations and service, will be of much importance.

## In Lumberton Temporarily.

The Lumberton Robesonian: "In Monday's Robesonian it was stated that Mr. Henry Haar, of Wilmington, had accepted a position as assistant manager of the Lumberton Bargain House. Mr. Haar asks The Robesonian to say that he is just here for a short time as a special man in the clothing and shoe department and will return after Christmas to Wilmington, where he has a position in the store of Mr. J. W. H. Fuchs, proprietor of the Lumberton Bargain House."

## DON'T BE MISLED

Wilmington Citizens Should Read and Heed This Advice.

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Use a tested kidney remedy.

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## LADIES NECKWEARS

The very newest neckwears—Collars and Cuff Sets, in Organdy, Voile and Georgette Crepes are here. Beautiful assortment of neat designs suitable for any occasion, 25 to 50 cents.

## BED ROOM SLIPPERS

For Men, Women and Children. All colors and sizes. Make ideal gifts for all ages. Price 48 cents to \$1.50.

## BELK BROTHERS



## SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Miss Alma Dorsett, of Atkinson, spent yesterday in the city, a guest at The Orton.

Mrs. Kate Babson and little son, Carl, have returned from a visit with relatives at Chadbourne.

Mrs. N. M. Singletary and Miss Lillian Singletary, of Clarkton, are in the city, guests at The Orton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Vogel, of Southport, were visitors in the city yesterday, guests at Hotel Wilmington.

Miss Carrie Cox and Mrs. L. O. Bryant, of Sneed's Ferry, were in the city yesterday, guests at Hotel Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Ashe, of Raleigh, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Stockard, No. 303 North Fifteenth street.

Miss Douglas Hand and Mr. D. D. Sparkman, of Burgaw, were visitors in the city yesterday, guests at The Orton.

Mrs. J. T. Singletary, of Southport, is at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, where she is having one of her eyes treated.

Mrs. O. H. Wright, of Jacksonville, Fla., left yesterday for her home after spending a month with her father, Mr. W. H. Alderman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Peace, Mrs. Crocker and Mr. Friedman, of Port Caswell, were in the city yesterday, guests at The Orton.

The Ladies Missionary society of Fifth Avenue Methodist church will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the parsonage.

Mrs. Boyden Randolph Sparks, of Chicago, has arrived to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, No. 430 South Front street.

The Dunn Guide: "Rev. J. H. Shore returned from the Conference Tuesday. He goes to Fifth Avenue church in Wilmington and they have a splendid preacher in Brother Shore."

St. Agnes Guild of St. James' Episcopal church will hold its annual sale of fancy articles in the Housewives' League rest room next Wednesday, December 15, beginning at 10:30 o'clock.

The Junior Auxiliary of St. James' Episcopal church will hold its annual sale of Christmas cards, fancy work and candy, on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in St. James' Parish house. The public is invited.

Mrs. Winifred Sackville Stoner spoke to the ladies of the Department of Civics and Home Economics of Sorosis on Natural Education and Miss Matilda R. Hays, on the Dunning system of music, Friday afternoon.

Mr. Owen C. Fillaw, of the local staff of The Evening Dispatch, has gone to Wilson, where he joined Mrs. Fillaw who had been spending the week there. They will return to Wilmington Monday morning.

The members of Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, are invited to attend the regular meeting of Cape Fear Chapter, United Confederate Veterans, which will be held at the W. L. I. armory this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

There will be special music at the evening service today at Grace church. Mrs. McCarver, violinist, and Mrs. Luck, cellist, will render several selections, including "Trauerlied" and Faure's "Les Rameaux."

The Parish Guild of St. John's Episcopal church will hold its annual sale of fancy work and useful articles in the Parish house at 3 o'clock. Supper consisting of salads, sandwiches, coffee, tea and chocolate will be served from 5:30 to 10 o'clock.

The Girls' Friendly Society gave an interesting programme at their hall on Sixth street, near Nun, Friday night. Miss Jennie Burnett, fifth vice president of the society, had charge of the programme. Much pleasure was added to the evening by the singing of little Miss James.

The annual Christmas sale of St. Mary's Guild will be held in St. James' Parish House Tuesday afternoon, December 14th, beginning at 3:30 o'clock.

## QUICK LAMSON SERVICE

We have installed a Lamson's Electric Cable Cash carrying system, and we will give our customers the very best service.

New Christmas Goods Arriving Daily.

A. D. BROWN  
PRACTICAL GIFTS

The attention of housekeepers is called to the fact that among the unusually attractive articles at this sale there will be novel and useful kitchen utensils. Candles, preserves, pickles may be had at moderate prices.

The monthly social of North Carolina Sorosis will take place Thursday afternoon, December 16, at 4 o'clock, at the club rooms, under the auspices of the Literature Department. This meeting will be of particular interest because it will commemorate the 28th anniversary of the founding of the organization. An especially entertaining programme has been arranged for the meeting.

A medal contest Monday night, beginning at 8 o'clock will be held in the Sunday school room of the First Baptist church by the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Four children who have been well drilled, will take part and prizes will be awarded by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure. Miss Ruby Duncan, will be soloist. Prof. Herman Shaw, Joseph W. Little Esq., and Miss C. O. Eyerly will be judges. No admission will be charged, but a silver offering will be taken. The public is cordially invited.

### POSTOFFICE BOOTH FOR RED CROSS SEALS.

It was announced yesterday that the postoffice booth for the sale of Red Cross seals will open tomorrow and will be in charge of Miss Mary Hewett. Chaparones will change daily. Mrs. J. M. Solky and Mrs. Cuthbert Martin will be chaperones for tomorrow. It had been originally planned to have this booth opened on Wednesday, the 15th, but the managers decided that it would be best to begin on Monday, the 13th, instead.

Mrs. Woodus Kellum gave a linen shower Friday afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock, at her home, No. 212 Castle street, in honor of her sister, Miss Annie Horne, who is to become the bride of Mr. Frank J. LeRay in the near future. The color scheme of pink was beautifully carried out in the home decorations, and many beautiful gifts were received, which were showered on the bride-to-be by Misses Madeline and Chloris Kellum from a large clothes basket, which was decorated in pink and white. Refreshments were served and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Elon College, N. C., Dec. 11.—A most beautiful and impressive marriage and one which was the centre of wide spread social interest was solemnized in the chapel at Elon College at 8 o'clock on the evening of December 9 when Mr. Bruce LaFayette Cantrell, of Greensboro, led to the altar Miss Vivian Jewel Huffman, of Elon College. More than 500 people from the community and nearby towns, including Greensboro, were in attendance to express their congratulations to the popular and well-known contracting parties. The souvenir ring ceremony was read by the college pastor, Rev. J. O. Atkinson.

### MUCH INTEREST SHOWN IN BURGAW CONTEST

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### MEETING OF MOTHERS AT WRIGHTSBORO SCHOOL

An interesting meeting of the Mothers' Club of the Wrightsboro school was held at the school house Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Rhodes. Mrs. Herriot conducted devotional services. There was an instructive discussion of the need of co-operation between parent and teacher which was led by Mrs. Rhodes and Miss Kelly. There was a short programme by the children of the lower grades. Miss Williams rendered several musical selections.

### LOCAL DOTS.

—A. D. Brown, the well known dry goods dealer, has just installed a Lamson cable cash carrying system.

John W. Cromartie, colored, was arrested yesterday on a charge of stealing some wood from George W. Barfield. Policeman H. G. Bullard made the arrest at Fourth and Nixon streets.

Recorder's court by Fred L. Stevens against William H. Stewart and William Ottersen, trading as Stewart & Ottersen. Davis & Davis represent the plaintiff. No complaint was filed.

—James Cook, colored, has the distinction of being the first this season to be arrested for celebrating Christmas. Policeman A. D. Smith arrested him yesterday afternoon at Front and Grace streets for shooting fireworks.

—Major W. N. Harris, clerk of Superior Court, is running an ad in the display columns of this issue of The Star, asking that all who have borrowed copies of the North Carolina Reports, return them to the office of the clerk.

—In publishing the Wilmington naval stores market as quoted daily by the Chamber of Commerce, The Star in its issues of Friday and Saturday through a typographical error gave the quotation on tar at 9 cents per gallon. This should have been quoted at 2 1/2 cents, as the market has stood at that figure for several days.

### ROTARY CLUB IS ACTIVE IN EFFORT TO GET PLANT.

Telegram Sent to DuPont Powder Co., Requesting Consideration.

The Wilmington Rotary Club is actively pushing the matter of securing the auxiliary plant which it is understood that the DuPont Powder Company is planning to locate in Eastern North Carolina and to this end Mr. J. B. Rice, chairman of the manufacturers' committee, on Friday afternoon sent a telegram to the DuPonts calling attention to the advantages offered in this vicinity and also sent a letter to the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce requesting the co-operation of that organization in the proposition.

The Fayetteville Chamber has already been active in the matter and has sent letters to the powder people calling attention to the advantages of that section. Kingston and Tarboro are also active and should it be decided to locate such a plant in this State, there will not be a lack of sites. The following is a copy of the telegram sent the DuPonts:

"E. I. Du Pont de Nemours Powder Company, Wilmington, Del.  
"We understand you are thinking of locating a plant in this State and wish to call your attention to the natural advantages offered in this section. We have 30 feet of water to the city. If you object to placing plant near the coast would suggest a point on the Cape Fear river between Wilmington and Fayetteville, where there is large depth of eight feet or better. This club is anxious to co-operate and will send committee to tell you of advantages offered by this section if you are interested. We offer condolences over Hopewell fire."

### "WILMINGTON ROTARY CLUB."

"J. B. Rice, chairman, Manufacturers' Committee."

The following letter was sent to the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce: "Secretary Chamber of Commerce, Fayetteville, N. C.  
"Dear Sir:—We have just wired the E. I. Du Pont de Nemours Powder Company, Wilmington, Del., as per copy of telegram enclosed. We are indeed anxious to get these people interested and acquaint them with the advantages offered by this section and would like to have you co-operate with us. There are some beautiful sites between here and Fayetteville on the Cape Fear river and if we could get them interested to the extent that they would make investigation, we have no doubt but what we could get them to locate some place in this section."

"Assuring you of our willingness to co-operate with you, we are,  
"Yours very truly,  
"WILMINGTON ROTARY CLUB.  
"J. B. Rice, Chairman, Manufacturers' Committee."

### GETS 60 DAYS ADDED.

Tom Hall Recognized as an Escape and Given Additional Sentence.

Tom Hall, colored, has reason to think that doing time on the county roads is catching. Several months ago he escaped from the road gang and was doing perfectly well with his freedom, until a few days ago when that besetting sin of the typical Afro-American got power over him, and he dared a stunt so bold that the police got on to his tricks and he was nabbed and again sent to the road on being found guilty of larceny. When he got out there and began to work, some of those who stay out there regularly, as guards, etc., recognized him and put the officers wise, whereupon he was brought back to town, and sentenced to 60 days additional for the offense of leaving his job before it was finished.

The State took a not so with leave against Adolph Herring and Jake Coleman, colored, charged with store breaking, being unable to secure material witnesses.

Bert Robinson, colored, paid the costs for vagrancy, while Willie Thomas and Mary Lou Epps, colored, were found not guilty of vagrancy.

### PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. E. W. Etter, of Newbern, who travels for a Baltimore wholesale house, came to the city ill several days ago, but is now very much improved. He is stopping at The Orton.

—The following North Carolinians were guests at The Orton yesterday: A. Beachbaum and H. B. Goodpasture, Raleigh; H. L. Barring, Fayetteville; H. B. Jernigan, Dunn; V. B. Jones, Raleigh; Arthur Taylor, Charlotte; M. P. Bullard, Bolivia.

—The following North Carolinians are registered at Hotel Wilmington: E.



LET US make our Gifts this year with Thankfulness for the Peace and Good Will which prevail amongst us. Returning Prosperity and the Desire to Make Good Cheer for those dear to us will make this an Old-Fashioned Christmas.

**We Solicit Your Business on the Merit of Our Goods and the Fairness of Our Prices.**

We have consistently adhered to the policy of maintaining excellence in our wares, and the name of "SCHUSTER" is synonymous with all that is best in

**Diamonds, Pearls, Precious Stones, Jewelry.**

**Watches, Silverwear, Novelties, Etc.**

An abundance of comparatively inexpensive articles secured for this season makes our establishment a most attractive place for those desiring to purchase

**We shall welcome a call. Open evenings till 10 o'clock.**

**A. O. SCHUSTER**  
Jeweler---Silversmith  
104 NORTH FRONT ST.

T. Capps, Wilson; E. B. Hargrave, Raleigh; A. W. Plow, Moyock; H. B. Darrow, Rocky Mount; T. B. Koonce, Jacksonville; W. M. Smith, Charlotte; M. T. Woodard, Warsaw; H. B. Morris, Durham; W. T. Sledge, Fairmont; D. P. Wilson, Davidson; Harvey Boney, Rose Hill; R. Long, Durham; Iyer McEl, Robeson, Fayetteville.

### SCHOOLS TO HAVE HOLIDAY.

Vacation from December 23rd to January 3rd, Six School Days.

The public schools in Wilmington and all New Hanover county will close Thursday, December 23rd, for the Christmas holidays and will not re-open until Monday, January 3rd, giving six holidays.

These holidays are always looked forward to with the greatest pleasure by the school children, who look upon Christmas as the joy season of the year. It will mean, all in all, 11 days

freedom for the boys and girls, who have been at work now nearly four months.

### ADVERTISING ROAD MEETING.

Large Posters Distributed Calling Attention to Burgaw Gathering.

Large posters, have been printed calling attention to the people's mass meeting to be held at Burgaw on next Friday to discuss plans for securing a highway through New Hanover, Pender, Duplin, Sampson and Cumberland counties to connect with the National Highway at Fayetteville. Five counties will be represented and prominent men will make addresses. These posters will be distributed throughout this section and it is expected that wide interest will be aroused in the meeting.

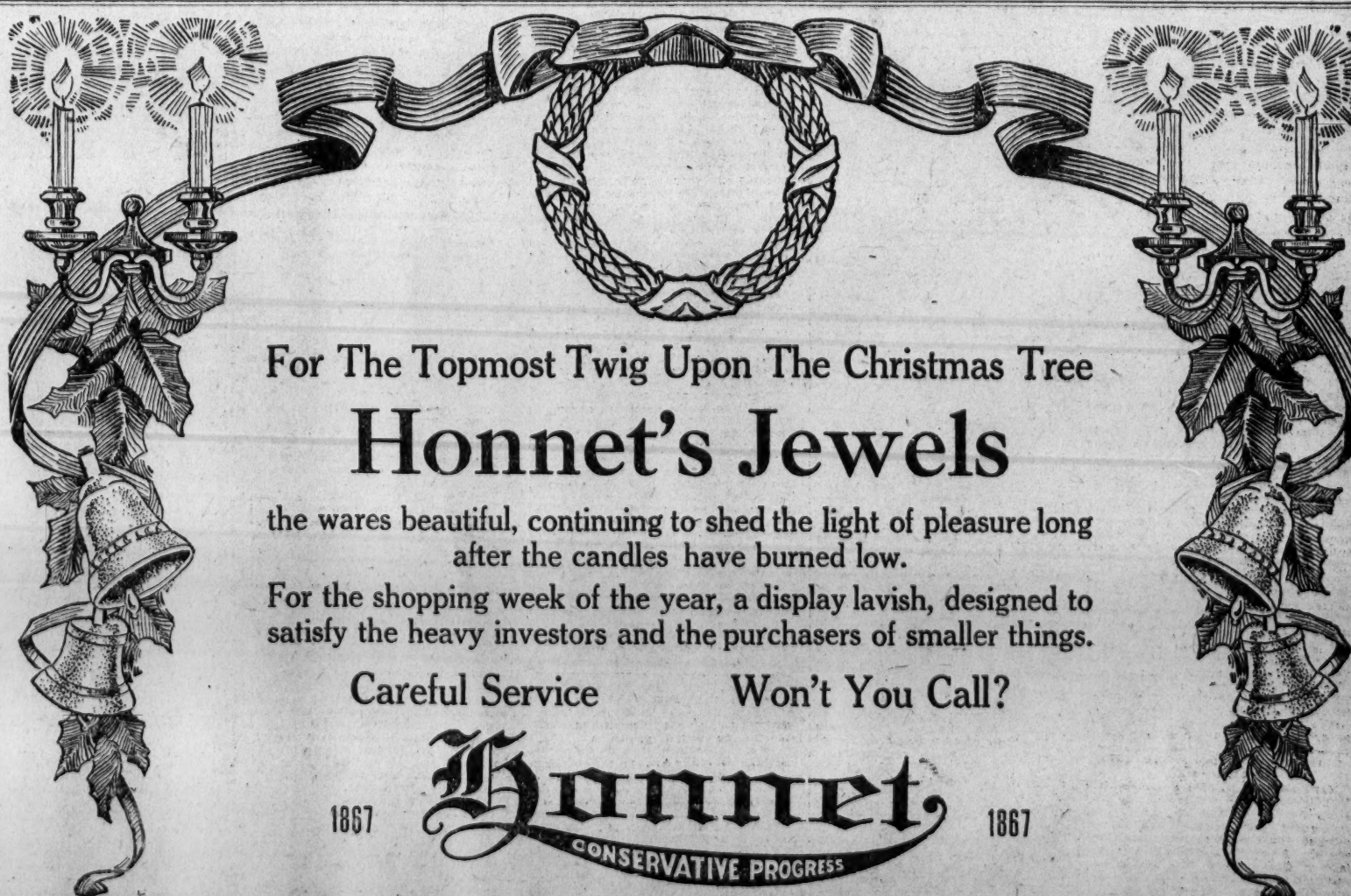
Mr. H. M. Mess Wins Prize.  
Mr. H. M. Mess, No. 111 North Sixth street, held the lucky number, which entitled him to the \$20 in gold, given store at 4 o'clock.

away by the firm of Stewart & Otter sen last week. The prize was presented him yesterday afternoon in their store at 4 o'clock.

## HAVE YOU FIFTEEN REAL FRIENDS?

If so, you will want them to receive some evidence of your good will at Christmas. Instead of expensive gifts, the custom now to send Christmas cards is more universal than ever. We have prepared a special package of Christmas Greeting Cards from steel engravings, consisting of fifteen of our most popular designs. They come in envelopes all ready to mail, and the lot is sent post-paid for one dollar.

This assortment is an unusual value and you will have much satisfaction in sending such a stylish and artistic token of a Christmas remembrance. These cards have space for sender's name, and if you have a card plate we will print them from it at an extra cost of 75c. Order Now, J. P. Stevens Engraving Co., Atlanta, Ga.





# TOYS HOLIDAY GOODS TOYS

## J. W. H. FUCHS' DEPARTMENT STORE

### "HEADQUARTERS FOR SANTA CLAUS"

We have made every effort to keep your cash here in Wilmington. You need not send away for your Xmas Presents. We are now displaying the best assorted line of TOYS FOR THE CHILDREN and APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR THE OLDER ONES that you have ever seen, and our cash prices are the lowest.

We urge you to shop early and avoid the rush. By shopping early you will have a better assortment to select from and any purchase that you may make now, we will put away and keep for you until you call for it, provided you make a payment on it. Also we wish to call your attention to our line of DRY GOODS, SHOES, CLOTHING, MILLINERY, LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR DEPARTMENT. In these lines we carry the very latest.

10c, 25c and 50c

### DOLLS

You will be surprised at what we can show you at this price. Beautiful dressed and undressed Dolls, Sleeping Dolls, Unbreakable and Bisque Kewpies.

**\$1.98**

**Buys A Doll 24-in. Tall**  
Light or dark hair, jointed limbs, extraordinary bargain; will be a child's delight.

Stoves and Kitchen Sets  
of all descriptions.

**\$2.50**

### Buys a Beautiful Doll 26-inches

Brown and blue eyes, dark or light hair. Fully worth \$3.50. Ask to be shown this Doll.

**\$1.00**

### For Baby Dolls

Dressed in long clothes. A big assortment; unbreakable. Will cost you more in most places.

**DOLL CARRIAGES**  
From 50c to \$3.50

### A GIFT THAT WOULD BE APPRECIATED A WIRTHMOR WAIST

They Win the Instant Favor of All Who See Them—and This Favor Grows With More Intimate Acquaintanceship. They're the Ever Desirable Wirthmor Waists.



New Models On Sale Tomorrow.  
As Always, \$1.00, and, as Always, Worth More.

Just like friends that never disappoint, everyone likes them better the longer they know them. Though these Waists are always sold at this extremely modest price, they do possess real character and genuine worth. It's only because they are produced on a tremendous scale—and are made and distributed in such a way as to make possible large economies—that they can be sold at just one dollar.  
Wirthmor Waists Are Sold Here and Here Only. They Cannot be Bought at Any Other Store in This City. They Are the Recognized Best of All Dollar Waists.

A Large Assortment of

Dolls to Sell At

**\$1.00**

Neatly dressed Sleeping Dolls, any style, dress and color of hair desired.

### DRUMS

From the 10c Drums to the best calf's head. Kettle and Bass Drums; something for the bigger boys.

**Daisy Air Guns**  
From 10c to \$2.50

### DOLL

### FURNITURE

All kinds. A beautiful lot of White Furniture, real nice, large pieces, still inexpensive.

Wagons, Velocipeds, Tea Sets in China and Aluminum from 10c to \$3.50.

### Mechanical and Comical Toys

Something for the larger boys. Lots of real funny toys. Come in and look them over. The best pieces always go first.

## J. W. H. FUCHS' DEPARTMENT STORE

### NATIONAL GUARD FAVORS STRONGER ARMY FORCES

For the Purpose of More Adequate National Defense

Recommendations of Legislative Committee of National Association Outline Plan for Reorganizing Military Strength.

At a recent meeting of the National Association of officers of the National Guard, which was held in San Francisco, Cal., and which was attended by Adjutant General Young, of Raleigh, and the colonels of the three regiments of the North Carolina National Guard, the legislative committee submitted a report, outlining what it considered to be the best military policy of the United States for better preparedness for the purposes of defense, and this report was adopted by the association.

In view of the strong emphasis placed by President Wilson upon having stronger defensive forces, and the intense interest in the subject at the present time, the position of the National Guard on this important matter will be of particular interest. The report of the legislative committee follows:

**Report of the Legislative Committee.**  
The committee had before it the report of the Executive Committee, the very able address of the Assistant Secretary of War and the other matter and resolutions referred to it. Every member of the committee was given an opportunity to freely express his opinions and views upon all matters submitted to it. As the result of its deliberation, the committee submits the following report:

There is necessity for the formulation and acceptance of a definite military policy for the United States. Such military policy must have its foundation not only on the opinions of the military experts of the nation as to the forces which should be organized and maintained, but should be formulated with due consideration of those ideals and traditions which have a place in the minds and hearts of our people. An essential consideration will be that such forces as may be planned for must be taken from the citizenry of the country, and in the formulation of plans for the development of any body of citizen soldiery full consideration should be given to the views and opinions of

that body of men in the nation who during a period of more than a quarter of a century, have devoted their time and energy in the National Guard to the development and maintenance of such a force.

This Association pledges its support to any reasonable increase in the regular army that may be recommended by the President of the United States as in his judgment necessary for the better National defense and pledges its efforts to secure the enactment of such measures into law.

The Committee is of the opinion that the training and development of a large force for national defense is imperatively necessary. For years this Association and the National Guard have been working for legislation which will make the organized militia a Federal force in time of war. As there is some question as to whether the legislation now on the statute books and other proposed legislation accomplishes their result without a constitutional amendment, the Committee recommends that Congress propose such an amendment to the Federal Constitution as will make the organized militia effective for service both within and without the continental limits of the United States, upon exactly the same terms and conditions as the regular army can by law be used, granting to the Congress the right to prescribe the discipline, equipment and training thereof, reserving to the several States the control of their forces in time of peace, the appointment of the officers thereof in accordance with a uniform system to be prescribed by the Congress and the organization, location and arrangement of the units of the same.

We recommend that the National Guard use its best efforts to have such an amendment passed by the Congress and ratified by the several States at the earliest possible moment. Pending the ratification of such amendment, we ask that Congress enact a law embodying the principle of Federal compensation to the National Guard as a return for its assumption of the contractual duty of Federal service and its services in preparing therefor.

proportion of the quota of any organized force that may be required for the national defense, and that both in its personnel and as an institution it is entitled to and should receive such preference.

We believe that State pride and State officers make the best argument for recruiting; and that a force raised by that method would be in harmony with the traditions of the people in the various localities, because just regard must be had at all times, for the sentiments and prejudices of the people of the various States with regard to the forces to be armed, equipped and trained within their borders.

We therefore recommend the following:

First, that the Association approve the increase in the regular army as recommended by the President of the United States.

Second, that this Association recommend the adoption by the Congress and ratification by the States of such an amendment to the Federal Constitution as will make the organized militia of the United States available for Federal service, within or without the continental limits of the United States to the same extent that the regular army of the United States are by law available, granting to the Congress the right to prescribe the training, discipline and equipment thereof, reserving to the several States the control of their forces in time of peace, the appointment of their officers in accordance with a uniform system to be prescribed by the Congress, and the organization, location and arrangement of the units thereof, and providing for the organization of a Federal militia in any State or States in which an organized militia shall not be maintained by the authorities thereof in accordance with national requirements.

Third, that this Association urge upon Congress that such legislation be enacted as will make the National Guard immediately available as the first line of the proposed citizenry army.

Fourth, that this Association recommend the enactment of the proposed legislation for the increase of the efficiency of the organized militia, embodying the principle of compensation for militia service in order to meet the exactions of existing law.

Fifth, that the Executive Committee of this Association be authorized and directed to take all necessary steps to procure the enactment into law of the recommendations of the Association, including authority to call a special session of this Association if the same be deemed necessary.

The Committee recommends that the paper submitted to it by Major General John F. O'Ryan of New York which makes a careful analysis of the entire situation be read to the Convention and printed for the information of the public generally.

As to the further matters submitted for the consideration of the Committee it recommends that authority be given by law to the heads of the Executive department of the Federal Government to grant leaves of absence, without loss of time or pay or efficiency rating, to all Federal employees for the performance of military duty in the National Guard.

### GRIDIRON CLUB DINNER AN OCCASION OF JEST

Peace and Preparedness Advocates Get Their Share.

At the Close the Preparedness Ranks Appeared the Stronger, But Their Casualties Almost Equalled Their Opponents.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Peace and preparedness advocates alike came in for a raking fire of jest at the Winter dinner of the Gridiron Club tonight. At the close the preparedness ranks appeared the stronger, but their casualties from verbal shrapnel were almost as heavy as those of the pacifists.

President Wilson, Vice President Marshall, members of the Cabinet, Senators, Representatives and men prominent in public life from many parts of the country were among the club's guests. The chorus of the song introducing the President followed: "We take our stand back of you, Mr. Wilson, Strength to your arm we give; You're the leader of all, We respond to your call. We will stand firm with you for the red, white and blue."

No party or faction divides us in twain. We're just plain Americans, proud of the name. Let the world realize Naught can sever our ties. We take our hats off to you. A figure representing William Jennings Bryan was prominent in the evening's entertainment. He bobbed up in three skits, always in a stellar role.

"The Saccharine Soldier," perhaps the liveliest of all the sketches, brought the former Secretary of State to the fore as the leader of a band of soldiers, armed with marshmallows, bon-bons and other candies, and exhibited as relics of a barbaric age. Among the candies were General Gump, Colonel Caramel, Major Marshmallow, Captain Candy, and others bearing names of confections. The soldiers' "weapons" were huge red, white and blue candy canes, which they waved quite recklessly.

Announcement of the loss of all of the army's chewing gum to a girl's school and the destruction of two wagonloads of chautauqua contracts caused great distress in the camp. Mr. Bryan then obliged with "Good-bye, chief, I'm through." Here is the chorus: "Good-bye, chief, I'm through, I pray you'll not forget; I say good-bye to you With more or less regret; I go to save the nation With lecture and oration. So I bid a fond adieu, Good-bye, chief, God bless you. I'm through."

As Mr. Bryan finished singing, General Gump, broke out into "In days of old, when knights were bold," and the entire company mulined. The skit closed with the singing of a strictly preparedness chorus.

The Gridiron Rookies sketch brought out Colonel Roosevelt, Harvey, Watterson and House, and Secretary Garrison, General Leonard Wood, Mayor John Purroy Mitchell, of New York, Dudley Field Malone, of New York, Collector of Customs, Representative Augustus P. Gardner, of Massachusetts; Oswald G. Villard, of New York, Mr. Bryan and Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., as candidates for the army. Scarcely had the squad assembled when Colonel Roosevelt leaped forward and began to assail those who are trying to "Calmly America." As the examination for candidates proceeded, Colonel Roosevelt was asked if he desired to join the cavalry.

"I want to organize a gas-bomb brigade," he replied.

"What do you know about gas-bombs?" the examiner asked.

"Everything," he replied. "I fired one at Flattsburgh."

"Did it do any damage?"

"It almost killed Leonard Wood."

Mr. Gardner, clad in a shirt and a barrel, rushed in complaining that Secretary Daniels and Garrison had stolen all of his outfit except his press agent, Secretary Garrison, under examination, stated that his idea of a hero was a man who stood on the administration firing line and permitted Roosevelt to shoot speeches at him. Colonel Watterson declared his belief that preparedness just now is a good thing because it will demonstrate that a single-track mind can run both ways. Colonel House was assigned to the Household cavalry. Dudley Field Malone went to the Boy Scouts.

To prove that newspaper men in Washington are not handed information on a silver platter, "four exhibits of raw material" with whom the reporters have to work, Mr. Bryan, Secretary Redfield, Senator James Hamilton Lewis and Secretary Tumulty, were presented in a sketch. Mr. Bryan said he had much news but he was keeping it for his own paper. Secretary Redfield entered a general denial. Senator Lewis uttered many words, but not one for quotation. Secretary Tumulty confined himself to anecdotes without news value, chiefly concerning old days in New Jersey.

A cloture rule, designed to affect only Senators Reed, of Missouri, and Thomas, of Colorado, was quickly adopted, 94 to two, by a mock Senate. A suffragette who appeared to investigate cloture fled when she heard that it limited talk. Cloture, which was represented by a human figure, eventually was "talked to death" and carried out. Vice President Marshall remarked, before adjourning the "Senate," that the body needed a plucking board instead of a cloture rule.

Besides the executive officers, Senators Cummins, Borah, Sherman, James, Penrose and Oliver; Representatives Cannon, of Illinois; Gardner, of Massachusetts; Stevens, of Minnesota; Rear Admiral Benson, Chief of Naval Operations, U. S. N.; Major General Scott, Chief of Staff, U. S. A.; Hudson Maxim, a member of the naval advisory board, and David Belasco, of New York, were among the widely known guests.

The Gridiron club, elected Lewis W. Strayer, of the Pittsburgh Dispatch, as its president and Ira E. Bennett, of the Washington Post, as vice president.

### WEEKLY DRY GOODS REVIEW. Dyestuffs Scarcity Only Drawback in Cotton Goods Market.

New York, Dec. 11.—Cotton goods markets are strong, the only drawback being the dye stuffs scarcity. Colored goods mills are being forced to curtail production in many ways owing to the inability to get dyes or to pay the prices asked for the limited quantities available. The costs of dyeing have become prohibitive in several directions.

Wide sheetings are very firm on a basis of 22 1-2c for 10-4 goods. Prints, cloths, sheetings and many specialties in convertibles advanced during the week. Bleached goods are being advanced 1-4c a yard on the better known brands. Further advances on dark colored prints were announced by some printers. The demand for duck continues active and large exports continue to countries at war.

Owing to restricted supplies of bur-laps, large purchases of cotton goods are being made by bag manufacturers. Fine and fancy cottons are firm, late contracts being at advancing prices. Reports from the jobbing trade are favorable. Cotton yarns have been active and advancing and the knit goods trade active. Considerable irregularity exists in cotton goods prices due in part to irregular supply of colors.

Quotations: Print cloths, 28 inch 64x 61s, 3 5-8c; 64x60s, 3 1-2c; 38 1-2 inch 64x64s, 4 3-4c bid; brown sheetings, Southern standards, 7 1-2c; denims, 9 ounce, blue at value; tickings, 8 ounce, 12 1-2c; prints 5 1-2c; staple ginghams 6 3-4c; dress ginghams, 9 1-4c.

### COLD TROUBLES ARE DANGEROUS GOWANS RELIEVES QUICKLY

A great many people in this section suffering from cold troubles just now, and it is believed that many of them welcome the fact that there is a remedy offered by druggists known as Gowans, which has proven the most effective in all forms of cold troubles, such as head and chest colds, croup, coughs, whooping cough, pneumonia, inflammation, congestion, catarrh, bronchitis, asthma, etc. A simple head or chest cold today may be a serious bronchial or lung trouble tomorrow, and application of Gowans on the throat and chest has been known to entirely relieve a cold in one

night. Doctors have found Gowans of great help in serious cases of congestion, inflammation and pneumonia, by rubbing it well on the chest, between the shoulder blades and under the arms. It is very powerful and penetrates to the seat of the trouble quickly, relieving the inflammation, breaking up the congestion and reducing the fever, as no other remedy will do. At druggists in 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles. Demand Gowans because Gowans is more penetrating. Examples and testimonials on request, if sent to the Gowans Medical Co., Concord, N. C.



### SOROSIS BUGALOW CONTEST

Secure Votes Free with Purchases from Following Firms:

BELK BROS.  
MAY BROS.  
J. M. SOLKY & CO.  
CAPE FEAR HARDWARE CO.  
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## WILMINGTON RED CROSS SANITARIUM



Wilmington and this section of the State have felt a peculiarly deep interest in Tuberculosis Week, which will be concluded today, with services with special reference to the observance in practically all churches, because of the fact that here in Wilmington the public has a deep and abiding interest in this great work.

The Wilmington Chapter of the National Red Cross Society, under the able leadership of Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, has accomplished much, chief among its high attainments having been the establishment here of the Wilmington Red Cross Sanitarium as shown above. This institution is accomplishing a great work and recently the American Red Cross Magazine presented an excellent half-toned of the sanitarium with a most complimentary reference to the Wilmington Chapter, which will be read with interest just now when Red Cross activities are at their height. The magazine says:

"One of the senior chapters, that in Wilmington, N. C., was started in 1903 with a membership of only eight and recently had 262 members in good standing. It has quickly responded to all public appeals for relief in disasters and war. It has brought about an arrangement whereby all public schools, both white and colored, and some suburban schools have been provided with first aid outfits, and much educational work in the interest of first aid to the injured has been done. It has energetically promoted the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals. But a very distinguishing accomplishment is recorded to the chapter's credit—one that it is rightfully proud of. It has brought about the building and is assisting in the maintenance of a fairly commodious sanitarium for the free treatment of tuberculosis patients."

"The cure and prevention of tuberculosis has been the principal local work of the chapter from its very beginning," writes Mrs. S. Mendelsohn, the recording secretary. "An efficient visiting nurse was at once installed, and with the help of the municipal board of health all cases in need of assistance were reached and a vigorous system of sanitary treatment on educational lines was successfully instituted, aided by a visiting committee composed of chapter members."

"Meanwhile, says Mrs. Mendelsohn, the plans for building the sanitarium were rushed and finally consummated through generous subscriptions from

private and public sources. A modern institution equipped with all necessary sanitary arrangements was erected at a cost of \$15,000 and has now been in successful operation two years. The expenses for maintenance are met by regular contributions from the chapter, from the city and county, and through offerings of benevolent citizens."

That the work here in Wilmington is attracting the interest and attention of the National chapter and its official organ, should prove an incentive to the people of this city and section. Especially just now when the Christmas seals campaign is being conducted so vigorously, there should be a generous response from the public.

Today, December 12, is the final and probably the most important day of Tuberculosis Week. The preachers of the State have been sent special literature and asked to either preach a sermon on tuberculosis or bring to notice the importance of the subject in some way on this day. Lodges, clubs and the State's various organizations have also been asked to observe Tuberculosis Sunday or give proper attention to the subject on some day during the week.

The Red Cross Sanitarium is located near Wilmington in one of the pine-wood suburbs. It contains accommodations for 20 white and 20 colored patients. Admission is free of charge to residents of Wilmington and New Hanover county upon recommendation of the medical examiner. The expenses for maintenance of the institution are met by regular contributions from the local chapter, from the city and the county and voluntary offerings by many benevolent citizens. Various committees composed of chapter members, look after the comfort and cheer of the patients and other details connected with the household arrangements, which are in charge of a competent steward and matron. Several of the best local physicians are giving freely of their time to the care and treatment of the patients, and are urging them to partake of the opportunity for outdoor exercises by assisting in the work of the poultry yard and the garden on the premises.

Since the chapter was organized in 1903, statistics compiled by the local Board of Health, as compared with those of former years, show an unmistakable decrease in the death rate from tuberculosis as well as in the number of new cases.

enough to make every club woman in North Carolina an agent for the selling of these seals.

2. Mrs. C. E. Brown, of Oxford, is one zealously working to stamp out the "white plague" in North Carolina. Club women should rally to her aid by assuming personal responsibility in a State-wide campaign among our voters to secure for the sanitarium at Montrose not only better equipment for the plant already there, but to have appropriated by the next Legislature funds for a children's pavilion. In the children of North Carolina is the hope of her future citizenship. The State is also to take care of her children; and, in view of her past generosity to her public institutions, we club women have but to make the need known to have some steps taken to meet it.

3. All clubs should be active in securing free and compulsory semi-annual examinations:

(a) Of school children for tuberculosis, malaria, diseases of eye, ear, throat and teeth.

(b) Of drinking water, especially that of springs and wells from which schools are supplied.

4. Much has been done to eradicate smallpox, typhoid fever, hookworm, etc., but, however, is not yet vigilance and persistence work must be kept up along these lines.

5. All club women should advocate the blood test for malaria and preach and practice screening against flies and mosquitoes.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs has appointed March 4 to 11, inclusive, as baby week. Plans and suggestions for this may be secured from the children's bureau, Washington, D. C., of which Miss Julia Lathrop is chief. Get in your inquiries by or before December 15.

We commend this idea to all North Carolina women. It is needless to say, that Health Rally Day must receive due attention.

Every club should have an especially attractive programme for that day.

The carrying out of these suggestions involves self-sacrifice, but this committee believes that the representative womanhood of North Carolina is ready to be sacrificed that a stronger generation may follow in the work which its devotion begins.

Please report the health work adopted to Mrs. Mark Quinerly, or to the chairman of this subcommittee.

MRS. K. R. BECKWITH,  
Mrs. W. N. HITE,  
Mrs. J. E. BROWN.

**Federation Items.**  
Mrs. Thomas W. Lingle returned home Thanksgiving from a most enjoyable trip to the eastern part of the State. While on this trip Mrs. Lingle attended district meetings, and visited many individual clubs, and was much pleased by the enthusiasm, progress and cordiality shown by the club women.

Mrs. Lingle attended the bazaar held by the Pitt County Federation of Women's Clubs, and was delightfully surprised by the enthusiasm, progress and cordiality shown by the club women. After the close of the two days' sale Mrs. Lingle made a most interesting address and was presented with a beautiful handmade table cover, as a souvenir. The proceeds of the bazaar are to be used as a scholarship fund for Pitt County girls to the East Carolina Training school. The Federation is closely attached to this school, as aided by the Federation Loan Fund, two or more girls are enabled to attend this institution every year.

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

First Baptist church, corner Fifth and Market streets, Rev. W. M. Crane, acting pastor: Sunday school in the morning at 9:45, Mr. D. H. Howe, superintendent. Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30. Sermon subjects: Morning, "Another Year's Record," evening, "The Voice of God." B. Y. P. U. meets at 6:30 in the evening, Mr. L. F. Gore, president. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. All cordially invited to attend these services and bring a friend.

Calvary Baptist church, corner Fourth and Brunswick streets, Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor: Services in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30. Sermon subjects: Morning, "A Part of a Great Host," evening, "The Real Meaning of Death." Junior B. Y. P. U. and Boys' club meet at 10. Deacons' meeting at 3 in the afternoon. Sunday school at 3:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Senior B. Y. P. U. Thursday evening. Sunbeam Band Thursday afternoon at 3:30. A cordial welcome to all services.

St. Paul's Episcopal church, Sixteenth and Market streets, Rev. E. F. Heald, rector: Sunday school in the morning at 9:45. Morning prayer and sermon at 11. Evening prayer and sermon at 8. All seats free. Christian church, Dock street, Rev. J. E. Reynolds, pastor: Preaching by the pastor in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30. Christian Endeavor in the evening at 6:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8.

St. John's Episcopal church, Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. E. C. Cor, rector: Holy communion in the morning at 7:30. Service and sermon at 11. Sunday school in the afternoon at 4. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:45. Seats free. All are cordially invited.

St. John's Mission, 1313 North Fourth street. Sunday school in the morning at 9:30. Mr. Virgilus Hall superintendent. Service every Wednesday evening at 7:30. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

St. James church, Rev. W. H. Milton, D. D., rector: Holy Communion at 7:30. Morning prayer and sermon at 11. Mass, meeting for men, at 3. Evening prayer at 5. Sacred song service at 7:30. Mission service at 7:45. Dr. Clark will preach at all services. Everybody welcome, come and bring a friend.

St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran church, Fourth and Harnett streets, Rev. G. W. McClanahan, pastor: Services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Subject, morning, "The Prophet John and His Message," evening, "Memorial Services by the Women's Missionary Society." Sunday school, 3:30 p. m. Wednesday evening services at 8 o'clock. All welcome to these services.

Christian Science Society, church edifice Seventeenth Market streets: Services in the morning at 11; subject "God, the Preserver of Man." Sunday school at 12:15. Testimonial meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15. Free reading room in the Murchison National Bank building, open daily, except Sundays and holidays, from 4 to 6:30 in the afternoon. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and visit the reading room.

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Fifth avenue and Ann streets: First mass in the morning at 7. Last mass and sermon at 10:30. Vespers in the evening at 8. St. Paul's Lutheran church, Market and Sixth streets, Pastor: P. H. Sturdevant, preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 8. Sermon subjects: Morning, "Crown Contenders," evening, "Unreasonable Demands." Sunday school in the afternoon at 3:30. Visitors are cordially invited to all services.

Fifth Avenue Methodist church: Sunday school in the morning at 9:45. Preaching by Rev. C. O. DuRant at the evening at 7:30. A cordial welcome to all.

**THIRTEEN OFF TO ATLANTA.**  
Twelve White Men and a Negro Taken to Federal Prison.

(Special Star Correspondence.)  
Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 11.—J. B. Sturdevant, deputy United States marshal, left with 13 prisoners, taking them to the Federal Atlanta to serve terms in the prison there. The convicts were sentenced during the recent term of the United States court by Judge Connor. There are 12 white men and one negro, the latter being John Harris, who serves one year for blockade distilling. The other prisoners are R. A. McLamb, blockading, one year; N. T. Allen, blockading, 18 months; Outford Garwood, blockading, one year; B. B. McKnight, blockading, two years; Ben Ingram, blockading, one year; Frank Gaddis, blockading, one year; D. E. Dowd, blockading, one year; Tom Cheatham, blockading, one year; Sidney Gilbert, blockading, one year; J. D. Barber, blockading, two years; J. H. Barber, one year.

**MRS. PATILLO A SUICIDE.**

Wife of Don Patillo of Randolph-Macon Woman's College.  
Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Grace Patillo, wife of Dr. Nathan A. Patillo, dean of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, committed suicide in her home on the college campus this afternoon by drinking carbolic acid while suffering from melancholia. Prior to her marriage in Baltimore 16 years ago, she was a teacher at the Baltimore Peabody Music Conservatory. She has two sisters, Mrs. A. N. Strother and Mrs. W. N. Finley, living in Baltimore.

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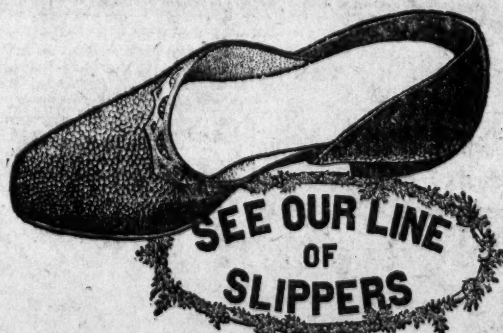
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# THE HELPING HAND or Christmas Eve in a Lodging House

By Edward Hiddle Padgett.

WELL, what do you know, Pop?" Old man Ransom—better known as "Pop," Superintendent of the Municipal Lodging House, didn't even look up from his work but returned the salutation—for such it was, coming from a newspaper man—by the equally stereotyped reply, "Oh, nothing much." And then he added, after a moment, "Except that this is Christmas Eve and—well, I haven't quite as much Christmas around here as I hoped to. Sit down, Proctor; I'll be with you in a moment."

Proctor, the visitor, sauntered across the room and took the chair indicated sliding down onto the small of his back, leisurely crossing his legs and reaching for the inevitable cigarette.

Ransom—kindly, gentle, benevolent old Ransom—had been with the Municipal Lodging House for over fifteen years. And he still believed in the flotsam and jetsam that came and went each night. To him they were his "boys," down on their luck, a little wretched, even a little wicked, but still human beings with a spark of the Divine in their hearts that needed only to be fanned at the right moment and in the right way to put them on their feet facing the world with confidence and wringing from it by fair means the living it owed them.

In one point, at least, the old man was adamant. No subterfuge, nor pleading nor profane refusal could budge him. The would-be "guest" had either to yield or get out. And that point was his firm insistence that all who tarried under his roof live up to his motto of "Soup, Soap and Salvation." Many were strong for the soup, but indifferent to the soap and salvation; yet they must take all three—or nothing.

Presently he turned from his small, cheap desk, shoved off in one corner of the main room beneath a swinging electric light under which his hair shone white as snow, and faced Proctor.

"Well, my boy, what can I do for you?" he said in kindly tone. "I haven't seen you for quite a while."

"Nope," the Star man replied, sprawling at greater ease in his chair and exhaling a cloud of smoke ceilingward. "Things have been breaking over at Headquarters and I've been on the jump. I've come tonight to get some Christmas dope from you. I'm to come across with an 'under-world' one as the city editor calls it, and I'm up against it. Can you help me out?"

"I'll try," said Ransom. "Come back in about an hour and perhaps I'll have something for you. But I must finish this statement first."

Proctor untangled his knees and got to his feet. At the door he paused, turned and called back, "Merry Christmas, Pop!" Then, as though half-ashamed of the little bit of emotion he had displayed, he banged the door after him and set out for Police Headquarters.

There, he first learned from the Sergeant on the desk that nothing had "broke" during his absence worth

more than routine mention. He sauntered into the "back room" where checkers and pinochle were in progress, watched Patrolman Hegarty, one of his best "pipe lines," triumphantly take another cop's last king.

Then he wandered back to the office arriving at the desk almost simultaneously with a man who had entered unattended by a bluecoat.

The stranger looked like a man down on his luck, and yet he didn't. His clothes were plain, even shabby, but they were not frayed nor were they dirty. His linen was clean. His hands were rough and large, a sure sign of work. And his face was strong, clear cut and deeply lined, with eyes that looked out unafraid.

"Can you tell me," he asked the Sergeant, in a tone in which there was no apprehension, "what's become of the Municipal Lodging House. It used to be on Oliver street, I remember, some eight years ago. And I want to know if old Pop Ransom is still in charge."

The Sergeant looked at him keenly before replying. He was about to ask "You used to flop there then, huh?" but something in the man's direct, unwavering gaze deterred him. "They've moved around on Stoughton street," he said instead. "And Pop's still on the lid." Then, in a disarmingly friendly tone, "A friend of yours?"

"Yes," replied the stranger promptly, and without the quiver of an eyelash. "Yes—the best friend I ever had. Whereabouts on Stoughton street?"

"I'm going around there now," Proctor spoke up. "And I'll be glad to show you. Pop's a friend of mine, too."

Somehow, he sensed a story. "Thank you," said the man. "I'll appreciate it very much, if you're sure it won't inconvenience you. My name is Bertram Kent."

As they left the building and turned in the direction of the Lodging House Proctor ventured a question. "Pop's a great old fellow, isn't he? Known him long?"

"A little over eight years—though I haven't seen him for eight," was the somewhat cryptic reply.

They walked along in silence for a while.

"He's still doing business at the same old stand—in the same old way," suggested Proctor presently. "The bums still call him Pop and eat his soap while they pretend to use his soap and swallow his salvation." And Proctor laughed invitingly.

For a moment Kent made no comment. Then he said tensely, "He's the salt of the earth!" And after a slight pause he added, "Maybe some of them swallow a little of the salvation with their soup."

Proctor hastened to take up his cudgel. "So he thinks, too. But I can't see it. Once a bum always a bum, is my theory. And a man'll sit through a prayer meeting or an experience service on any cold night to get a bed and something to eat and get a little of the salvation with their soup."

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work at a job that, anyway, just about pays his living expenses when he can get them without working and can pick up enough for booze and tobacco by pan-handling? I've seen a lot of good men—newspaper chaps—go that route, and they never come back!" Kent started to speak, but evidently changed his mind, for just then they had arrived at the destination. Through the glass in the door they could see old Pop Ransom bent over his desk, his hair silver white in the glow from the swinging light above him.

They entered. Pop glanced up as they approached and nodded to Proctor, then looked inquiringly at Kent. "Good evening," he said pleasantly, but in a tone that plainly indicated he did not recognize

him. "Don't—don't you remember me, Pop?" asked Kent, his voice trembling.

Ransom looked at him long and searchingly. "Your—your face is kind of familiar," answered the honest old man, "but I can't place it—and I haven't the slightest idea of your name."

"Kent," said that individual. Pop seemed to grope back—back in the archives of his memory, reaching out for light.

"A little over eight years ago," Kent prompted, a whimsical smile on his face. "One Christmas Eve—soused to the gills—and bent on suicide."

Suddenly the old man's face became alive with joy. "Kent—B. Kent—as I live—B. Kent!" he cried.

"Yes!" And there was a strange mixture of enthusiasm and pride and gratitude in his tone. "Only now it's Bertram Kent, right out and without any hesitation. Pop, I've been planning this meeting for five solid years!"

By this time their hands were clasped and old Pop had one arm over Kent's shoulder in affectionate embrace.

"One of my boys, one of my boys!" he exclaimed joyfully, despite the tears in his fine old eyes, and looking at Proctor. "He's come back to see me after all these years. My, my!"—and he sniffled happily and without shame.

"Here I am forgetting all my manners. Sit down old man and let's talk it over. You're a sight for sore eyes! And how is everything with you, my boy?" He reached out a trembling

hand toward Kent's knee and patted it. "You're looking fine!" Then he glanced at Proctor, with pride and triumph.

"I guess you two old—friends—would rather talk it over without me," said that worthy quickly. "So I'll—"

"No!" said Kent in decisive tones. "That is, if you aren't busy. I—I was much interested in what you said as we walked here, and I want to say a few things to you. Sit down, please."

Proctor sat, for there was something compelling about Kent. But he was far from subdued. "I—I guess you mean you got some of the salvation along with your soup, eh?" he remarked in a tone that bit bordered on the sarcastic. "And maybe you're a millionaire by now, eh?"

For a second anger blazed up in Kent's eyes, but then it changed to a tolerant, confident smile. "Yes, I swallowed some of the salvation," he said, "enough, anyway, to cut out the booze and get me a job on a coastwise freighter. I landed in Central America. Why I went I don't know, except that I wanted to get where nobody knew me, and begin all over again."

"I batted around for a while and finally ran into an Englishman who owned a big banana plantation, and he gave me a job. Also, he helped me fight the booze—by not giving it to me. It was hell sometimes! Well, I got on my feet. Then he made me boss of one of his gangs. I was making pretty fair wages, too, and I saved them, for the simple reason that there was nothing to spend them on."

"After three years his manager left for a better job in the Argentine, and the Englishman gave me his place. One year ago, when the war came on, he returned to England to join his regiment—leaving me to run the whole plantation. But he also let me buy a small interest in the place with the money I'd saved. He said it would make me a better manager to feel that part of it belonged to me. I guess he's right, too."

Proctor shifted his weight and lit another cigarette. Old Pop Ransom was leaning forward tensely, the very soul of him in his eyes.

"Two months ago," Kent continued, "I found out that I'd have to come back to the States on business. And from that moment on—turning to the old man—I've been looking forward to this meeting with you, Pop. No, I'm not rich; I'm not even well-to-do. I've simply got a good salary and fine prospects, for the business is growing and there's money in it. I've fifty dollars for you to buy a Christmas for the boys here now, and I had to save it up. But I've longed always to come back and clasp the hand that lifted me out of the gutter. And now I'm here, Pop!"

"You see! You see!" the old man exclaimed to Proctor, his voice vibrant with pride.

"Yes, I was coming to that," said Kent. "As your friend and I walked here from Police Headquarters, we had a little talk about this business of giving a helping hand to the down-and-outers. He doesn't seem to think there's anything in it. So, Pop, I

thought it might be well to let him hear my—I mean our story. I wonder what he thinks now?"

Proctor had the grace to look impressed. But instantly his combative spirit asserted itself. "I—I think it's fine!" he said. "And I want to tell you, Mr. Kent, that you haven't yet got all you deserve. But I can't change my opinion. One come-back does not prove that even one out of a thousand bums can turn the trick. You're the exception, man, you're the one man in a thousand!"

Pop shook his head and started to speak, but Kent laid a detaining hand on his shoulder.

"You're mistaken, young fellow, you're mistaken," he said. "This very thing is happening all around us every day in the year, only we hear of only a few cases, of course. But more than that, once one of us does come back he works to pass on the good word to others. He's watching always for a chance to give a hand to somebody who needs it. It's sort of an endless chain. Now, I can give you a case in point."

Kent resumed his seat and accepted the cigar which Pop proffered.

"During the first year I was managing the plantation," he went on, "I went into the town—two hundred miles away—to straighten out some shipping mix-up. And down at the waterfront I ran into a young man from the States. I knew he was an American the minute I saw him. He was in a bad way, what with booze and the harsh treatment he had received as a stowaway from New York on one of the fruit steamers. And he was crazy to jump in the bay."

"Well, I got him into a coffee-house, and presently he began to listen to me. He had a whole lot better education than I ever dreamed of having—and I wasn't kicked out of college until my second year, at that. But he was weak. The long and short of it was that I took him home with me. And just as my employer had helped me fight, so I helped him. He won, too."

"Now, he's my assistant and while I'm up here he's running the whole works. You couldn't make him take a drink at the point of a gun. He's got a pretty head and a good heart, and next year he's coming back to the States for good and let his parents know that he's still alive. But more than that, he's a genius. Why he writes stories for the magazines—and you'll find his first story in the January issue of Nobody's Magazine. His name's Vernon Proctor, so look for—"

Proctor sprang to his feet, sending his chair crashing against the wall. "Vernon Proctor!" he cried. "Did you say Vernon Proctor?"

Kent stared at him in amazement. Then, recovering, he nodded affirmatively. "You don't mean that you know him, do you?" he asked eagerly.

"He's tall and thin and has the lightest hair I ever saw on any man in my life. He's told me, by the way, that this is his home town."

Proctor reached out his hand. "Why," he gasped, "why, old man, he's my brother!"

Proctor had his Christmas story!

## How the Feast of the Nativity Is Celebrated In the Military Hospitals, Prison Camps and By the Soldiers At the Front.

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WHEN the dawn breaks on Christmas morning it will find millions of men at war, yet amid the clash of arms, the roar of musketry and the tremendous destruction of life will be heard that still, small voice of Christian teaching, commanding all the Christian nations engaged in the conflict which is now devastating Europe to devote some portion of the day in offering up their devotions to the one religion which condemns the very thing they are doing.

With the exception of the Turks all the nations at war are Christians, and except in the Turkish camps the soldiers will celebrate Christmas in the same manner as last year.

Along the British Lines.

All along the British lines the men will enjoy their Christmas boxes sent from home and special rations given out on Christmas. Plum puddings are sent to the front and all that is necessary for the feast is to heat them. The children in England have saved their pennies to send the soldiers chocolate, and practically every man will have plenty of this nourishing article on Christmas. Tobacco, pipes, cigars and cigarettes are already in France waiting to be sent to the front. Back of the trenches the men have their Christmas games, football and even polo. Last year the officers who were waiting their turn in the trenches went for a rabbit hunt and enough rabbits were bagged to serve a fine Christmas supper. All the shacks were decorated with evergreens and a number of Christmas trees were set up.

Those who were in the hospitals in Great Britain were treated to a genuine old-fashioned English Christmas. Early in the morning a religious service was held in which the wounded men joined in singing the beautiful English Christmas carols. The nurses had hung pine branches about the rooms and lighted little candles here and there. The tables in the center were piled high with gifts. Those of the wounded who were able were propped up in bed or put into chairs. After the service was over the remainder of the day was spent by the men in listening to music, receiving visitors and feasting on the good things which had been sent to the hospital. Several noted actresses volunteered to sing, recite and give little

## CHRISTMAS With the Soldiers of War-Torn Europe

sketches. Men dressed to represent Santa Claus went from hospital to hospital giving out cigarettes and chocolate. Sometimes they stopped for a game of cards with the men and later to cheer them by telling jokes. The greatest effort was made to cheer the blind soldiers—no easy task. This year there are hundreds of these unfortunate men, and a special fund is being raised in England for the purpose of giving these poor fellows a big feast on Christmas.

French Soldiers Entertained.

The French soldier begins his Christmas with a midnight mass, and last year at one point this was held in the open. During the service a German Taube was seen hovering over the camp, but the men continued their devotions and the aviator, who probably understood what was going on, quietly disappeared without dropping any bombs. Out beyond the trenches the men play games and enjoy the good things sent from home. The English "um pudding and meat pies with raisins have become a favorite Christmas dish with the French, and last year thousands of puddings were sent to the front for the French. All sorts of amusements were provided for the men—vaudeville shows were given by actors who were fighting in the ranks and by players who came to the front for the sole purpose of entertaining the soldiers.

Once in camp they were greeted by the soldiers singing the Marseillaise and other patriotic songs. Then came the circus and vaudeville show so dear to the heart of the Frenchman. After it was all over toasts were drunk to President Poincaré and General Joffre. Several French actresses volunteered to entertain the men in the French military hospitals. At Bordeaux the scenery was set up and a war play presented in which several of the wounded soldiers took part.

Germans Great Feast.

Christmas is the German's greatest holiday, and no matter how adverse his condition may be he will manage to decorate a bush in honor of the Christ Child. Even the sentry boxes



in far-away Poland are already covered with pine branches in anticipation of the coming festival. Last year every shack along the entire German battle line had its Christmas tree decorated with bits of paper and tin foil. These trees were the pride of the soldiers and they spent hours in decorating the little pines and setting them up in some sheltered place where they were protected from the wind and snow. Last winter was a snowy one in the war zone and a number of men were frozen to death at their posts, so one can imagine that

trimming a Christmas tree with the thermometer below zero is uncomfortable to say the least, yet with the Germans it was such a labor of love that they willingly endured the cold. Everywhere the Germans had their trees and their lights. The Crown Prince sent his men pipes and tobacco and there were special rations. Behind the trenches the men danced and sang. Extra platforms were built for the musicians and wherever a hand could be found there was an afternoon concert. Boxing matches were arranged, each company being

represented in the bouts, and the matches were refereed by the officers. The men had their favorites, and there was much good-natured geying when a company's man was knocked out. While all this was going on the band played lively airs and the men forgot, at least for the time, that a state of war existed.

In Belgium, where the German Landstrum are on duty, their headquarters were dressed with Christmas greens, both inside and out, even the iron railing outside the building being wreathed in ropes of laurel and

ivy. At the barracks the men set up trees and invited the Belgian children to come to the celebration. There was a special Christmas dinner for the soldiers and besides this hundreds of Christmas boxes filled with cakes and warm clothing were sent from the Fatherland. "Of course, we missed our families," said one of the men, "but it was a great Christmas. We know they are well and praying for the success of the Fatherland." In the German military hospitals at Berlin, Munich, Cologne and other places the men were fairly loaded down with

presents and nearly every man had his individual Christmas tree. Relatives and friends visited the hospitals. There was music by bands and orchestras—in fact, it seemed that all Germany tried to make the wounded men happy on Christmas.

Christmas at Prison Camp.

Out at the big prison camps the men were allowed to celebrate, and an extra ration of food was given. At several of these camps the German guards assisted the men in decorating their quarters. "Let's hear you sing Tipperary!" called out an officer of the guard. Several members of an Irish regiment heard the request and they gave a wild whoop and then sang the song as only an Irishman can. The Indian prisoners later joined in the singing. The French sat about playing cards, and the Singalese looked on in wonder and then began to dance. Although Christmas of the Greek Church is several days later owing to the difference in the two calendars, the Russians took part in the celebrations, singing their folk songs and giving some of their quaint dances and also joined in pulling the "crackers" given to prisoners. Their German captors entered into the spirit of the day, so even in the prison camps Christmas was duly celebrated.

Servia, Bulgaria and Italy.

The Servian soldier has been at war so many years that Christmas on the battlefield was not a new experience to him. Roast pig is his national Christmas dish, but few were able to obtain it last year, and this year it will be well nigh impossible on account of the devastation of their land. But the brave Servian will manage to hang up a bunch of evergreen and wish his comrades a Merry Christmas. This year will find the Bulgarians and Italians at war during the holiday season. The latter keep Christmas with a religious fervor and many remarkable scenes are likely to be witnessed on that day. Thousands of Italian soldiers will spend the Feast of the Nativity in the ice-covered Alps, where they will set up their Christmas trees amid the eternal snows. The Bulgarians, like the Servians, have spent the day in battle before, but as they are still fresh in the present war they will manage to enjoy the feast of extra rations.

So, if these men now at war can show such kindly feeling toward each other and mutually rejoice in each other's pleasure, it is not hard to predict that when it is all over there will arise in glorious union the refrain:

"When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, And the whole world send back the cry Which now the angels sing."



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## THEATRICAL

Much interest has been aroused during the past four years by the production of a play in New York bearing the strange title, "Everywoman." The newspapers and magazines have devoted columns of discussion to this dramatic novelty which is labeled "a dramatic spectacle." Special interest was attracted to "Everywoman" at the time of its first production by the fact that its author, Walter Browne, a New York newspaper man, who had labored upon it for years, died on the morning of the day of the first performance of his play which would have realized for him the ambition of a lifetime. "Everywoman" made an instantaneous hit. It ran continuously in New York for nearly two years, has since been translated into other languages. During the time that it was running at the Herald Square Theatre, New York, a version of the play in Yiddish was being performed at an East Side theatre in New York, where it achieved a run of over 150 performances. Browne's widow and children who were left penniless, have been made affluent by the success of "Everywoman." Over four million people have already witnessed the performance. Henry W. Savage is sending here his only production, and it will be disclosed at the Academy of Music on next Saturday, giving a matinee and night performance.

The organization is undoubtedly one of the largest in the dramatic and musical fields which has ever been toured. There are really three separate organizations merged into one, viz: grand opera, musical comedy and drama. The work is of such high character that only finished artists in their several lines can be utilized in the performance. It is said that "Everywoman" represents an expenditure of upward of \$50,000.

It is a significant fact that Mr. Savage considers "Everywoman" the greatest triumph he has ever achieved as a producer. The strength of this statement becomes apparent when one considers this manager's magnificent productions of "Parsifal," "Madam Butterfly," "Lohengrin" and "The Merry Widow." There are 27 speaking parts in "Everywoman" and to properly interpret the musical score a special symphony orchestra is carried by the organization. The musical features of "Everywoman" are comprised in 26 numbers. The score was composed by George Whitefield Chadwick, dean of the New England Conservatory of Music, of Boston, and is symphonic in character.

There are many scenic splendors, one of the most striking of which is a

representation of Broadway, New York, at midnight on New Year's Eve, with all the frolic and fanfare with which the metropolis celebrates the passing of the old year and welcomes the advent of the new. It is a triumph of stagecraft and was conceived and executed by George Marion, who is a wizard in this branch of stage artifice. So cleverly are the stage crowds handled that one viewing them from the front of the theatre is almost loth to believe that he is not himself on Broadway witnessing the riot instead of an imitation of it.

The cast of "Everywoman" is an extraordinary one and contains more than a score of well known names. Edna Porter, a beautiful Southern girl, plays the title role. Miss Porter has performed the character for three years.

The matinee prices will range from 50 cents to \$1.50. The night prices will be from 50 cents to \$2. Tickets will go on sale at Plummer's Thursday morning.

**Blanche Ring at Royal.**  
Blanche Ring, America's favorite musical comedy star, who drew one of the largest crowds ever seen at the Academy of Music when she appeared here in her greatest play, "The Yankee Girl," has been persuaded to transfer her magnetic personality to the films, and the result is that tomorrow the Royal presents a "Yankee Girl" that for sublimity of scenes and expert staging, has it on the stage production from every angle.

Blanche Ring, the actress, is every bit as gifted as Blanche Ring, the singing comedienne. This fact is ably demonstrated in her filmation of "The Yankee Girl" in which she "puts it over" in even better style than on the stage. "The Yankee Girl" has been taken from the painted scenery of the stage and placed in natural settings featuring a real yacht on a real ocean and real Spanish surroundings in which to work out the plot.

The songs which Blanche Ring sang in "The Yankee Girl" have echoed round the world, and a superb musical programme, including "Rings on My Fingers," "Bedelia," "Dublin Bay," "Yip-I-Addy-I-A," and the other hits which she sang, will accompany the presentation of the play at the Royal tomorrow. It will absolutely be packed in evening, so if you can do so, attend the afternoon performances.

"Cabiria" is coming! That announcement has created more talk for the past few days in Wilmington than the announcement of any other theatrical announcement in recent months. "Cabiria" is Wilmington's first real big motion picture production—in fact is the greatest motion picture ever pro-

duced. It is now playing at the Academy of Music, New York city, with an orchestra of 40, and one of New York's greatest pipe organ players, at a scale of \$2 per seat, down.

"Cabiria" is the summit of gorgeousness in great spectacles. Its magnificence of action surpasses human belief. Everything happens except resurrection and ascension. "Cabiria" was filmed in Catania and Syracuse, in Sicily, Carthage, the Alps in Switzerland,



"CABIRIA"  
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and Ciria and Numidia in Africa. It took exactly fourteen months to make "Cabiria," and it will take five years to meet the current demand for it from all parts of the world. It costs an even quarter of a million dollars to make, and stars Italy's very greatest dramatic stars, including Marcellina Bianco, Emilio Vardannes and Umberto Mollo.

"Cabiria" is from the fertile brain and fluent pen of Gabrielle D'Annunzio, the greatest Italian dramatist, poet, novelist and journalist of Italy, who lives in Rome. "Cabiria" is a wonderful vision of the third century, B. C., and taxed all the great resources of the brain of its great creator. "Cabiria" has played to more people, has played more return dates, has played at higher average prices and has received more commendation than any other photoplay ever filmed, anywhere, anytime. "Cabiria" is in twelve solid reels and takes exactly three hours to show.

**Leonie Flugrath at Royal.**  
Leonie Flugrath, the remarkable girl actress who played the character of Mrs. Fiske at a child in "Vanity Fair" at the Victoria yesterday, stars at the Grand tomorrow in one of Edison's greatest three-reel dramas of the year, "The Unwilling Thief," with Herbert Prior as co-star.

There are girls and girls in the movies, but mighty few—if any—who have had the dramatic career of this little girl. Unlike many, too, Miss Flugrath has both beauty and a charming personality, which wins all picture patrons. But linked with this and binding them into genuine dramatic excellence, is that this little school girl actress is filled to the brim, so to speak, with theatrical experience. Herbert Prior, as the father, gives a convincing support always to be expected of him. Miss Flugrath and Mr. Prior are right off Broadway, and have made a country-wide tour in one of Broadway's greatest successes. The story they unfold in this feature is one filled with thrills, romance, mystery, intrigue, and with a touch of pathos and heart-interest that will appeal to everyone.

"When California Was Wild" is a single reel Selig drama that is unique and full of interest.

Tomorrow at the Bijou.  
Ben Wilson and Dorothy Phillips give the week at the Bijou a big send-off tomorrow, presenting a great three-reel mystery dramatic feature, "The Mystery of the Locked Room." There was a murder committed all right, and some one had tried to open the window from the outside. But they had not succeeded, all the doors were locked, and yet a man was found dead clutching a lock! There were signs would point to suicide. The locked

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murder, but he solved the murder and made one of the strongest mystery dramas of the year. You'll enjoy every minute of "The Mystery of the Locked Room" at the Bijou tomorrow.

"When Father Was The Goat," is another one of those great Nestor screeners starring Billie Rhodes and Ray Gallagher. There's not a handsomer not a better pair of comedians on the screen than these, and in "When Father Was The Goat" they pull some of their very funniest stunts.

**TRINITY DEFEATS DURHAM Y.M.C.A.**  
In First Basketball Game of the Season for College Quits.

(Special Star Correspondence.)  
Trinity College, Durham, Dec. 11.—In the first basketball game of the season Trinity last night defeated the Durham Y. M. C. A. by the score of 37 to 24. The game was close, fast and interesting throughout.

The showing made by the entire Trinity team was encouraging to the spectators. The Y. M. C. A. players often got in especially good work. Bunting, the Trinity center appearing in his first varsity game, led the scoring for his team, getting six field goals.

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**JOE WOOD STILL TROUBLESOME.**

New Hanover Lad Escaped from Cas-  
well Training School—Returned.

(Special Star Correspondence.)  
Kinston, N. C., Dec. 11.—Joe Wood, 13, a New Hanover lad, recently arrived at the Caswell Training School here. He spent two hours at the institution, to which, although primarily intended for a home for mentally deficient children, had boys are sometimes sentenced by courts, and then left without saying good-bye. He walked the two miles into Kinston and into a waiting policeman's arms. Today Joe in his squeaky voice, not quite yet affected by the "goosings," declared that he'll just make the best he can of it, he's "possums—what else can a feller do? No, he doesn't like it a bit, but he's decided to stay for keeps. He is "half orphan," he explained, and the folks don't care a hang about where he is. That's Joe's present grudge against society manifesting itself. Superintendent McNairy will take special pains to make Joe, who was a little too familiar, he admits, with another "bad boy" back home, feel good over his change of residence.

**FIRE AT GREENVILLE.**

Colored Church and Odd Fellows Hall  
Destroyed—Incendiarist?  
(Special Star Correspondence.)  
Greenville, N. C., Dec. 11.—The colored Odd Fellows Hall and the colored Baptist church here were destroyed

by fire yesterday morning about 1 o'clock, entailing a heavy loss on their members. The fire originated in the hall and spread to the church which was near. There were no other buildings nearer than across the street and no other damage was done. The loss of the hall was something like \$1,500, and of the church not less than \$5,000 or \$6,000, with some insurance on both buildings. The fire is supposed to have been incendiary.

**DR. L. H. WILLIAMS SUCCESSFUL**  
Stood First Before Central Naval Ex-  
amining Board.

(Special Star Correspondence.)  
Faison, N. C., Dec. 10.—Dr. Louis Hicks Williams, who has been practicing at Faison, N. C., since his graduation from Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, last June, recently stood examination before the Navy examining board, and his many friends are gratified to know his standing was first before the Central Naval Examining Board at the Naval Medical school, among the other two candidates who successfully passed the examinations. Dr. Williams' appointment in the Medical Reserve Corps of the Navy is now with the President, having been recommended by Hon. Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy.

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# FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE

## A Letter to Santa



DEAR SANTA: This Christmas you'll have a big task. To do all the favors I'm going to ask:  
And first I must tell you I mostly desire,  
For every cold household, a big roaring fire;  
For every small child that is poorer than me,  
A drum and a fife and a green Christmas tree,  
A cake and a pie and a warm pair of shoes,  
And mittens that any small person would choose.

I want for their Mamma's a crispy new dress,  
I want for their Papa's—you never would guess—  
A pipe and a coat and a shiny new hat,  
And a dinner so big it would make them look fat.  
And when you have finished and find it is late  
You may draw in your reindeer and stop at my gate  
And give me! Oh, goodness! I know what I'll do—  
I'll leave the whole secret, Dear Santa, to YOU!

## In the Christmas Toy Window

IT was night. The window of the little shop was full of overwinding with Christmas toys. In the dim light from a single jet—for the shop was a small one in a dingy side street—they seemed to be all jumbled together. Some were standing on their feet; others stood at an angle, tilted against each other or against the glass of the window; and still others lay prone, like heaps of wounded upon a battle-field.

Long since, the Christmas crowds, which had wandered their merry way through the shopping district, had returned to their homes and, no doubt, to dreams of Christmas Eve and the morning following.

The chimneys in the tall spire of a nearby church rang out two o'clock. Suddenly, there came a stir among the toys in the window, a rustle as of many small bodies turning over, straightening out cramped limbs and breathing deeply.

Over in one corner of the window stood a Soldier Boy, and beside him a Jointed Doll—very proud of her joints—dressed in a becoming gown of baby blue. At their feet sat Sato, a boy-doll from the land of the Mikado.

"Grr-r-r!" growled Soldier Boy in what he imagined was a fierce voice. And again, "Grr-r-r-griff!" I'd like to get my hands on that fellow who sent me off without my musket!" And he reached up with both hands and twisted the pointed ends of his musket fiercely. Then he glanced sideways at the Jointed Doll.

But she was looking down demurely and smoothing out a slight wrinkle in her skirt.

"Me cold. Me cold," spoke up Sato, tucking his hands in the folds of his kimono sleeves.

Soldier Boy smiled scornfully, shrugged his shoulders and glanced again out of the corner of his eye at the Jointed Doll. "Hum!" he said disdainfully. "I don't call this cold—but a soldier, of course, doesn't mind any kind of weather! Why, I wouldn't mind it at all if old Santa Claus had selected me as one of the toys for his big bag—in fact, I wouldn't have minded one bit the long cold ride through the snow, over the housetops, clear from out the Frozen North. Not I!"

Still the Jointed Doll did not speak. "Me like sunshiny, cherry blossoms, sailing kites," said Sato in mournful tones. Then, after a pause, "What's

Christmas?" The Jointed Doll spoke up. "Merely," she smiled, "do you mean to say that you don't know what Christmas is? Well, Sato, I can't tell you all about it, but I can tell you that it's the time when people give and receive presents—we're Christmas presents. And everyone is so happy and so gay. And—"

"Humh!" interrupted Sato. "Me saw little girl—look in at me—and she cry. Say 'Oh, if I only have that beautiful Japanese doll for Christmas!' I tell her come and take me—I tried this place—but she no come—and go away with tears. Why she no take me?"

"I shall be sold tomorrow," said Soldier Boy in a haughty tone. "This afternoon a little boy looked over the whole window and picked me out as

"Oh, I hope someone buys me," spoke up the Jointed Doll. "I do so want to be a Christmas present! I've noticed many, many little girls looking at me—and they seem to like me, too. But they shake their heads sadly and walk away. It must be because of this thing people call money. I can't understand it. Some people have lots of it and seem able to buy any and everything they want for Christmas; and others, when they have learned that I sell for what is called one dollar, look sorrowfully at me and—"

"What I sell for?" interrupted Sato. "Twenty-five cents," answered Soldier Boy gruffly. "Which is fifteen cents more than you're worth!"

"Why, that's all you sell for!" exclaimed the Jointed Doll, addressing the Soldier Boy directly for the first time.

Soldier Boy's cheek flushed. "Ahem! Maybe so, maybe so, but a soldier, you know, serves for love and—"

"Ha!" spoke up Sato. "Me see before you be Christmas present, some one pay money for you. Ha? Me glad what you call twenty-five cents not so much as one dollar. Ha! Easy buy me, so me be sold sure! A little girl look at me today—she say she save up pennies for me. Now I understand. But—but—"

Yet neither the Jointed Doll nor Soldier Boy heard what else was puzzling the mind of little Sato, for just then the chimneys sounded the quarter-hour and instantly every toy fell back into the exact position in which it had been placed by the old fellow who kept the shop. Their breathing spell was over, for that night at least.

A little fairy, who happened to be present, told me the story as I have related it to you; and she explained that every toy at Christmas time is just as anxious to be someone's Christmas present as were the three we've been talking about. And she further explained that when a child, while looking at the toys in a store, suddenly sees one which he feels he just must have—why then it's simply that the desired toy is calling to the child to buy him—and the child hears the call! Strange, isn't it? It may be so, and it may not. I don't know what you think about it. I believe it, of course, because I believe in fairies; but then, you see, I know fairies very well—lots of them. And that, of course, makes a great difference!

At their feet sat Sato. The thing he wanted most. His Nurse—quite an ordinary person, I am sure—called his attention to the fact that he had no musket; but he merely laughed at her. "I don't care, Nurse," he said, "he's so fierce and so brave a soldier that he doesn't need a musket! So—so you see what a fine fellow I am!" And he fell to twirling his mustache and glancing now and then at the fair lady on his right.

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## MINCE PIE FOR CHRISTMAS

ALL morning tantalizing smells from the big kitchen had made Richard and Ruth most uncomfortable. And Aunt Dinah, the cook, wouldn't let them put so much as a tip of a nose inside the door. "Run along, you bad children," she had declared pompously. "an' don't pester me non—y' all knows y' gwine ter hab some terribler, but—"

"Can't we have just a taste, Aunt Dinah?" Richard had pleaded.

"Aln't Ah done telt you no!" Aunt Dinah answered, pretending to be very angry. "Run along now an' let me bake dese heah mince pies—run along!"

Richard and Ruth had declared Dinah a "mean old thing" and they even thought they would not give her the little Christmas presents they had purchased for her—but they had to "run along" just the same.

Then, several hours later, just before lunch, Mamma told them to put on their warm wraps and caps as she wanted to send them on an errand—"a bit of Christmas charity," she explained.

"Now, children," she said, "I want you to take a little Christmas cheer to poor old Mrs. Jones and her five little children. I'm afraid they will not have much of a Christmas unless we send them some good things."

Ruth is to carry these two holly wreaths and you, Richard, are to take the big basket Aunt Dinah will give you. It contains roast chicken and potatoes and celery and cranberry sauce, and bread and lots of things to eat. And, oh yes, there's a big mince pie, too, which Dinah has just baked. She tells me it will not go in the basket, so you will have to carry it—and for goodness' sake, Richard, be careful not to drop it!"

Presently the brother and sister were trudging along on their errand

of "Christmas charity." Ruth put each arm through a wreath and then jammed her hands down in the great pockets of her coat—so Jack Frost couldn't nip them. Richard swung the basket on one arm and bore the huge mince pie in front of him in the other hand.

They walked along in silence for a while. Presently Richard drew in a long breath through his nose. "Whew!" he said. "Smells mighty good, doesn't it, Ruth?"

Ruth smiled. "Um-m-m-mmm! I just love mince pie!"

"Maybe—maybe," Richard suggested after a while. "Mrs. Jones doesn't like mince pie?"

Ruth shook her head sadly. She knew that couldn't be true—for she couldn't even imagine anyone not liking mince pie.

"My!" exclaimed Richard. "I'll have to rest, Ruth, or my arm'll drop off! Gee, but it's tired holding that pie! Here, let's sit down on that old log over there."

By this time the children were well beyond the outskirts of the village, almost in the open country—and they had still quite a distance to go before they reached the humble home of Mrs. Jones and the five Jones children. It is tiring, you know, walking in the snow, particularly if one is carrying something.

So they sat down. Richard held the pie on his lap, for he thought that much safer than putting it on the ground or trying to balance it on top of the basket. And it was, too, except for one thing—Richard himself!

To this day he can't tell you just how or why they acted so, but presently his fingers stole down and seemed to fasten on a piece of that pie before he could draw them away. And the next instant—poop!—the piece had disappeared into his mouth.

"Oh, Richard!" cried Ruth, springing to her feet. "You mustn't do that! Whatever will Mrs. Jones think!"

Richard grinned. "Aw, shucks," he answered, "she won't even notice it—just a little piece off the edge!"

"But you can notice it, indeed you can, Richard!" Ruth persisted.

Richard looked closely. Yes, there was no denying it, he could see most plainly where the piece had been broken off. Presently his mischievous face lighted up.

"Then I'll have to make it the same

and nervous-looking children arrived at Mrs. Jones' front door. Though they were welcomed profusely, they seemed to have no enthusiasm in returning the greeting.

"It was so nice of you children to carry all these things," said Mrs. Jones, as she unpacked the basket, while the five Jones children crowded around her, their eyes wide with astonishment and pleasure. "Your Mamma told me she would send me some—why, did she forget the mince pie? She said she would make sure to send one—and I've been telling my little children all about how good mince pie tastes—they've never tasted it, and they're just crazy to—land sakes, I do declare, she's gone and forgot it!"

Poor Richard! Poor Ruth! Each looked at the other and then down at the floor.

Just then the little Jones children began to bawl. Yes, bawl—not cry, or weep or shed tears—but bawl! Here they had been looking forward to mince pie and now—now—

Finally Ruth could stand it no longer; so she told Mrs. Jones how Richard had been carrying the pie and how he had stumbled and hurled it into a snow drift where, alas, it squashed to pieces!

At that, the five little Joneses began to bawl all the louder!

Mrs. Jones tried to hide her disappointment, and she looked sorrowfully at her children. "There, there, I guess you couldn't help it, Richard," she said. "I—just wish I had money enough to buy one for them. Hush, children, don't cry! Maybe—maybe soon I'll get you some mince pie."

But the five wouldn't stop bawling; in fact they couldn't, for they had fairly set their little hearts on eating mince pie.

All the way home, Richard and Ruth walked slowly and with heads down.

"If you only hadn't, Richard!" Ruth sobbed.

"Ye—yes, I know!" he admitted. "It was all my fault. And—and, just think, Ruth, of all the mince pie we will have tomorrow, and these poor little children none at all!"

"Maybe Mamma will—" suggested Ruth.

"Oh, no, no!" interrupted Richard quickly. "We mustn't tell her! Please don't! Please—Ruth!" Suddenly his face lighted up with joy and relief.



They walked along in silence for a while.

all around!" he declared, joyously. And forthwith he began to break off the crust, piece by piece—yet, it should be noted, not throwing said pieces away, but eating them!

"Oh, Richard!" cried Ruth. "What will Mamma say?"

"Well," mumbled Richard slowly, "I can't help it. Besides Mrs. Jones'll think it was made that way! Here, have some, Ruth?"

But Ruth would not. Instead, she kept on urging her brother to stop. She even told him that he was, stealing, since the pie didn't belong to him. And—

Just then, those dreadful fingers of Richard's misbehaved again; at all events, they at least slipped. For instead of breaking off merely a piece of the crust, they carried off with them the crust and a big piece of the pie—quite more than Richard could have bitten off in three bites, and Richard's "bites" of pie weren't small, either!

At this, Richard himself was alarmed. Really, he insisted, he hadn't meant to do it! Poor Ruth began to cry, whereupon, for some strange reason, Richard became angry. "Come on he declared! 'We've been resting here long enough. If—self you hadn't been tired, Ruth, we wouldn't have sat down and—and then, you see, this wouldn't have happened! Come on!"

With Ruth drying her tears on her coat sleeve—a thing she should not have done, of course—they resumed their journey.

Suddenly, Richard stumbled and fell—and the mince pie flew out of his hand and landed deep in a snow bank!

"Oh! Oh-o-o-o-oh!" cried poor little Ruth.

"I stubbed my toe!" cried out Richard, almost as much frightened as his sister. "Oh, Ruth! What shall we do! What shall we do!"

Richard had not fallen "on purpose," though Ruth was at first inclined to think that he had. But, truly, he had not. So he was as worried as was his sister.

A while later two strangely subdued

"I know, Ruth!" he cried. "I have a whole dollar that Uncle Will gave me yesterday to buy Christmas things with—and you don't think those big mince pies at the bakery cost over a dollar, do you, Ruth?"

Ruth didn't know. But she welcomed the idea instantly.

So Richard went home and got the dollar out of the corner of his bureau drawer and then met Ruth, who had been waiting at the bakery for him and—

Well, the five little Joneses had their Christmas mince pie after all. And, don't you know, Richard somehow seemed to find real pleasure in spending that dollar for the pie; indeed, it didn't cost quite that much, so he had plenty left over with which to buy candy for them. He spent every penny of it, too, and wished he had more!

All of which shows that while Richard was a bad boy to even so much as touch the pie with those naughty fingers of his, he had also a lot of the real Christmas cheer within his heart. Don't you think so?

TOO BUSY TO LISTEN.

"Now Sonny," said his teacher, "you were naughty again today. Didn't I ask you to pray to be a better boy?"

"Yes, ma'am, but I guess the Lord was too busy and didn't hear me."

Soon after this it came to pass. The wolf did really come—alas! When now he called no one gave heed, None came to help in time of need.

Solution to Christmas Present Puzzle.

## Susie's Tree

SUSIE had lived in a pretty house in an Eastern city, and she had all the toys and all the parties that a little girl needed to make her happy. She had even more than these—she had a loving mother and an indulgent father, who lavished heartfelt affection on her.

"You are spoiling the child," said one of their neighbors. "It is all well and good so long as you can indulge her, but a time may come when she can't have it, and then you will see!"

"Susie is a sensible girl and will know how to take reverses should they come, but I pray God she may

tioning the subject, because she knew there could be no celebration, although papa was building up a new business, and mamma was already much better. But her parents thought of the jolly Christmases they used to have, and in the quiet of their bed room they tried to plan a surprise for their pet, one that would cost next to nothing but would have the desired effect on Susie.

"I have a plan for a tree," said Mother, "and I'm sure she will enjoy it because it will be different. Leave it to me."

On Christmas Eve Susie went to bed without a suspicion of what was in the wind. She said her prayers as usual, adding: "Thank you Lord



"Do you think she'll like it?" asked the Father.

be spared any trouble," said the mother. But trouble came sooner than you would have thought it possible, and in a few months' time Susie's father had lost his money, her mother had been taken ill, and the Doctor said nothing would help her but the dry Western climate.

Susie was then the life of the family. She tried her best to cheer the father, who was bowed down with cares, and she waited on the mother and returned all the love that had been given to her.

"I wish Mrs. Miller could see her now," thought Susie's mother, as the child bustled about fixing up the room and waiting on her. "She would not think that she had been spoiled."

Then came a busy time for the family, pulling up stakes and moving with bag and baggage to a small Western town, where the father was to begin anew to amass a fortune, and the mother was to regain her health.

Susie revelled in the new life that opened up before her, and while she had pleasant recollections of her friends in the east, and remembered fondly the beautiful toys she had to give up, she loved this new world surrounded by high mountains, and lived in by rugged men who had rough exteriors, but kindly hearts.

A month passed amid these surroundings, and Christmas was close at hand. Susie purposely avoided men-

for making mother better so soon, this shall be my Christmas gift, and it is the best I ever got. Amn!"

"Take a peep, is she asleep?" asked the mother an hour later.

"Yes, we can get to work," answered the father, as he quietly pushed the clothes-tree into the best room and began to twine branches of evergreen around the pegs. Then, with Mother's help, he decorated it with the toys the village shop boasted of, and in a twinkling a lovely tree was displayed to view.

"Do you think she'll like it?" asked the father.

"Knowing my Susie, I'm sure she will. Put these in a conspicuous place on the tree," said Mother, "I crocheted them for her while she was in school. She has a long distance to go, and will want warm gloves."

"And I had the boys down in the village make this for her," said the father producing a squirrel-fur coat, and cap to match.

Susie's mother looked her joy. "Merry Christmas," cried Susie, running into her parents' room next morning. "What can I do for you, Mother?" she asked, after kissing them.

"Go into the living room, dear, and pull up the shades."

"O-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o!" was what they heard her say, and they knew that she liked her tree.

## AESOP'S RETOLD

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SHEPHERD BOY AND WOLF.



A SHEPHERD boy was set to keep

Not far away a flock of sheep: He thought 't would be a pleasant joke To frighten all the village folks By crying "Wolf! Good people, hear!"

A wolf is coming very near!" But when they came at his report, He only laughed and called it sport.

Soon after this it came to pass The wolf did really come—alas! When now he called no one gave heed, None came to help in time of need.

"Ah!" exclaimed the village men, "That fellow crieth 'Wolf' again: Three times at least we've been deceived, The rascal cannot be believed."

With scattered sheep the woods were filled, Many were either lamed or killed; The boy, who ran to save his life, Was beaten by the shepherd's wife.

A liar is not believed forsooth, Even when he speaks the truth.

## OUR PUZZLE CORNER

### BEHEADINGS.

1. Behead a word meaning close and get a part of the head.
2. Behead act of using and get a wise person.
3. Behead to weary and get anger.
4. Behead part of a boat and get ill or sick.

Beheaded letters spell something found on the Christmas table.

### ENIGMA.

My first is in sick but not in well,  
My second is in mountain but not in dell;  
My third is in rats but not in mice,  
My fourth is in oats but not in rice;  
My fifth is in live but not in die,  
My sixth is in smile but not in cry.  
My whole is the name of something very popular at Christmastide.

### Answers.

BEHEADINGS: Nuts. 1, Near-ear; 2, Usage-age; 3, Tire-tire; 4, Sail-sail.  
ENIGMA: Carols.

### CHRISTMAS PRESENT PUZZLE.



Tottie and Benny spent many long delightful hours down town looking in at the wonderful Christmas toys before they at last decided what they wanted most. Cut out the black pieces and see if you can find what they each selected.



## SAME OLD FIGHT DOUBTLESS WILL END IN SAME OLD WAY

By J. C. Hemphill.

It is the same old fight and it will doubtless end in the same old way. John Skelton Williams is persona non grata to many who have heretofore largely held the financial affairs of the country in the hollow of their hands. If he were simply John Skelton Williams, country banker and private citizen, they would probably not give him a moment's thought; but it so happens that he is John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency and member, ex officio, of the Federal Reserve Board which is charged with the administration of the financial institutions of the country, and by reason of his office a very watchful watchdog of the public treasury. He is not highly paid for his services, could probably make five or ten times as much as his salary if he were working for himself at the business of banking and does not care a copper for his office excepting as by the exercise of the authority imposed upon him by law he may be able to guard the banking system of the country, which has been declared by the very instances that are said to be antagonistic to him to be 90 per cent good, and promote the general welfare. It might be said, in fact, that he comes under "The General Welfare Clause" which, to this time has been worked the other way in so many cases. The opposition would fain get rid of him if they could do so without condemning the system which they have approved, and he has not the least idea of resigning or of shirking his work so long as he holds office. His present commission is good for five years; from the date of his appointment and if Mr. Wilson should be re-elected, of which there appears to be a very good chance, he will doubtless be commissioned for another term of five years. Some of those who do not especially care for him regard him in the circumstances as "a necessary evil," as they put it; but he will "stay put," staying put is one of his strong points—until the Legislature gets out of office or dismissed for cause. The opposition hopes, it would seem, for the former disposition of this troublemaker in the financial world; but the horrible thought has been suggested that if his office should be abolished his duties would still remain and that he would be selected by the Federal Reserve Board, being the best suited for their discharge of any man in the country, for a term of ten years, and that, of course, would be awful.

One of the charges, if so it might be designated, is not that Comptroller Williams has violated the law but that he has been positively cruel in the exercise of his authority in a number of cases. As a matter of fact, he has kept well within both the letter and the spirit of the law; else it would be easy to obtain from the courts adequate relief. That he has not exercised his authority or influence to make conditions harder for bankers in distress because of conditions they could not control was illustrated in the Ohio floods about two years ago when he so heartily co-operated with Secretary McAdoo in saving the banks of the Dayton district from suspension and possible ruin, by the immediate relief extended. That he has been always mindful of the interests of both bankers and depositors was demonstrated at the time of threatened panic in Washington, the occurrence of which at the time might readily have spread throughout the country, when again working closely with Secretary McAdoo he went to the assistance of a greatly distressed financial institution in this town. That his ears have been open to worthy cries of distress has been proved by his ready co-operation with the Secretary of the Treasury in financing the crop movements, when all other help had failed. And all that he has done has been done with the full sanction of the law; else the law would have been invoked to his discomfiture.

One of the accusations brought against Comptroller Williams is that he has been asking the banks what interest they have in charging on collateral loans. The legal rate of interest has been fixed by law in most, if not all the states, and the average legal rate is about 6 or 8 per cent. The Comptroller wanted to find out where the legal rate had been departed from and why. Immediately, he was assailed for exceeding his rights and for meddling with the business of the banks; but he was well within the duty imposed upon him by law which requires him to "call for special reports from any particular association whenever in his judgment the same may be necessary in order to a full and complete knowledge of its conditions." And the things he found out were really enough to startle the public mind as to the exactions of many banks of their customers. He has not charged that all the banks in the country have been practicing usury, but on the contrary, has said that 1,000 banks in different parts of the country out of a total of 7,613 banks have received an average of 10 per cent on their loans and some of these an average of 15 per cent on all their loans. He has given the whereabouts of these banks; and, strange as it may seem, the usurious banks have been found in the states where the Money Devil has been most actively persecuted by police reformers. For example, in the state of Texas the Comptroller found 185 banks that were charging 12 per cent or more, while in the state of New York, where the malefactors of great wealth most do congregate, only nine banks were given to this practice. The reports assembled by the Comptroller establish the importance of his inquiry. The banking business is not the pawn shop business, and yet he has found a number of cases that would put the pawn shop keeper to the blush. Money lenders who exact from 12 per cent twice the "freight" the business will stand, to 2,000 per cent on loans, do not belong to the banking business, and it is no reflection upon bankers who have kept the law that the usurers among them should be exposed to public condemnation. On the contrary, the Comptroller should be applauded for his effort to thwart the wicked designs of these harpies who would fasten themselves upon the banking system of the country and so attain a respectability which they do not merit. Though a member, ex officio, of the Federal Reserve Board and actively interested in its work, the Comptroller is very distinctly charged with authority which the board does not possess and with duties the board cannot perform. For example, the board cannot authorize any association to do a banking business—the Comptroller can, and without his authority no banking corporation can do business under the Federal Reserve System. He is required to act as the agent of the shareholders of any association that may have been or shall be placed in the

hands of a receiver; the board cannot do this. He must approve the applications of banks for additional circulation; the board cannot do this. He must determine when a banking association can begin business; the board cannot do this. He must examine the condition of the banks from time to time and as many times as in his judgment the safety of the public interests require, the information obtained by him from such examinations being guarded as of a strictly confidential nature, to be used only for the public protection, and not to be cried out from the housetops for public excitement.

The board has authority to employ examiners and make examinations on its own account and this, possibly, as a check upon, but not as a substitute for, the examinations which the Comptroller is authorized and required to make. The principle is the same as that employed in every well regulated business; a system of checks and balances, the like of which is found in the great insurance and railroad and manufacturing companies and all necessary to the ample protection not only of the banks themselves, but of the public interest as well. The idea of centralization which is now urged by those who would abolish the Comptroller is precisely the thing which the banking law was designed at the same time to secure and to avoid. It is centralization, so-called, within the law, or centralization with the Comptroller string tied to it so that the banks and the people might not be wholly at the disposition of the Federal Reserve Board. Besides, being "a necessary evil" the Comptroller might also be called in a sense "the reserved rights of the people." The office of Comptroller cannot be abolished without tearing up or pulling down the Federal Reserve System, and the duties imposed upon him under the law as it is would have to be placed upon some other officer, under a different name perhaps; but his duties are necessary to the success of the system. If there must be regulation and restriction, and the investigation of the banking affairs of the country, such regulation, restriction and investigation should be as thorough and severe as the vast importance of the business demands, and who is there that could do or would do the work more efficiently and thoroughly than the Comptroller who has fallen under the displeasure of parties in interest? Paul Warburg, one of the members of the Federal Reserve Board, who was taken out of the very heart of Wall Street and who has justified the confidence of the President in his selection, has said that the first year's trial of the Federal Reserve System "as a whole, has completely vindicated the wisdom of its creation and the soundness of the principles underlying the act."

The approaching Congress will doubtless devote considerable time to investigations of one sort and another and while the investigating spirit is abroad in the land it might be interesting to find out what is the inspiration of the present movement to abolish the Comptroller of the Currency and what feeling, if any, of personal disappointment or individual gain or sectional interest influenced the Advisory Council to make its recommendations. The Comptroller Williams was investigated when he was appointed to his office, and he does not fear now investigation of his conduct or of his office even by a Senate investigating committee; he has served fair notice that "should such an investigation be ordered, I will be prepared with some facts which will astonish and horrify the country, and rouse a storm of indignation, wrath not only with the general public but among bankers themselves." The half has not been told of what he knows of conditions that should be impossible. It is one of the most significant things connected with his administration and the storms which have raged about him have been easier for him to have in a different way but it would not have been nearly so honest or effective.

### \$73,000 IN STATE TREASURY

But for Expense of Legislature Amount Would be Greater Than Year Ago. (Special Star Telegram.) Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 11.—In the examination of the books and vouchers of the State treasurer and auditor, the legislative examining committee finds a balance round number of \$73,000 in the general fund and \$3,000 educational fund. The balance in the Treasury, general fund, December 1, 1914, was \$115,000, but this difference in the balance round number of \$73,000, the holding of the 1915 Legislature cost the State made a drain of that amount on the State funds for the year just closed, so that but for the expense of the Legislature the balance this December would have been greater than that for December 1, 1914.

### HENRY FORD'S NAME FILED FOR REPUBLICAN NOMINATION

Three Presidential Candidates Now Before Kansas Voters. Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 11.—The name of Henry Ford, Detroit manufacturer and peace advocate, was today filed as a candidate for the Presidential nomination in the Nebraska Republican primaries to be held next April. The names of three candidates for the Republican nomination are now on file in Nebraska. They are Senator Theodore Burton, of Ohio; Mayor William Hale Thompson, of Chicago, and Mr. Ford. The name of Woodrow Wilson is the only Democratic filing.

### RESERVE BANK STATEMENT.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Gold coin and certificates in the vaults of Federal Reserve banks increased more than \$7,500,000 during the past week, according to a statement of the banks' condition, December 10, issued today by the Federal Reserve Board.

### WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT.

New York, Dec. 11.—The statement of the actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they held \$175,116,116 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is a decrease of \$192,920 from last week.

### THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 11.—Mercantile paper 3 to 3 1/4; sterling, 60 day bills 4 1/2; demand 4 1/2; cables 4 1/2. Bar silver 56. Mexican dollars 42 3/4. Government bonds steady; railroads bonds irregular.

### ELGIN BUTTER MARKET.

Elgin, Ill., Dec. 11.—Butter 22c and 24c.

## GOLD HAS INCREASED IN SPITE OF THE WAR

Bank of France is in a Prosperous Condition.

Had Billion and Quarter Francs More at End of October, 1915, Than at Beginning of January, 1914.  
—Big Credit Balance.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.) Paris, Nov. 15.—A billion and a quarter franc (\$250,000,000) more gold at the end of October, 1915, than at the beginning of January, 1914, with a billion francs increased credit balance abroad; that is the situation of the Bank of France after fifteen months of war.

A billion of the gold increase came from voluntary offerings by the people in exchange for bank notes—offerings that are still coming in; the billion increased credit is less significant since it comes from a loan by Great Britain, but it is pointed out that, with this balance and the increased gold reserve, the purchasing power of the government abroad is two and a quarter billion francs greater than at the beginning of 1914, irrespective of the credit in America resulting from the joint loan.

This showing, after the enormous expenditures made by France in America, England, Switzerland and Spain since the beginning of hostilities, is regarded in financial circles as a remarkably fine.

Apart from the billion of gold exchanged for paper, the private purses of France have brought 10 billion, 112 million francs of national defense bonds; this is more than half the total increase in the public debt since July, 1914; that increase, including the English and American loans of \$1,000,000,000, is still available, 20 billion 52 million francs. During the same period the public debt increased 30 billion 800 million francs in England, 15 billion 700 million in Russia, 4 billion 200 million in Italy, 37 billion 400 million in Germany and 13 billion 800 million in Austria.

The disquieting rumors concerning the condition of one or more of the other great French banks that circulated after the declaration of war have been contradicted by the course of events. It is admitted that some of them might have suffered alarmingly from the inevitable difficulties of a war panic, had the moratorium not been promptly decreed, but five months respite enabled them to meet all emergencies.

The five leading establishments doing a general banking business, not including the Bank of France, held, in deposits subject to check and in current accounts at the beginning of 1914, 5 billion 963 million francs; of that amount 2 billion 400 million was drawn out during the 15 days preceding the outbreak of hostilities, leaving 3 billion 563 million tied up by the moratorium. Instead of checking more out after the banks waived the moratorium December 31, 1914, the depositors put back the first eight months of this year a billion francs of the money drawn from the same establishments in July, 1914. During the same period the deposits subject to check and the current account of the Bank of France increased from 715 million to 2 billion 696 million, bringing the total cash on deposit in all important banks of France at the end of September, 1915 to 7 billion 250 million francs as against 6 billion 675 million at the beginning of 1914. At the same time, renouncing the benefits of the moratorium, depositors paid to the Bank of France 1 billion 266 million of discounted paper.

What is supposed to have embarrassed at least one of the big banks of Paris was the quantity of remittance paper that it held in its vaults August 1, 1914. The statement has been repeatedly made and has so far been neither refuted nor confirmed that in the few months immediately preceding the crisis the Reichsbank and other German banks that had enjoyed rediscounting facilities in France availed themselves of them to the limit, loading the bank in question with German paper that naturally remains unpaid.

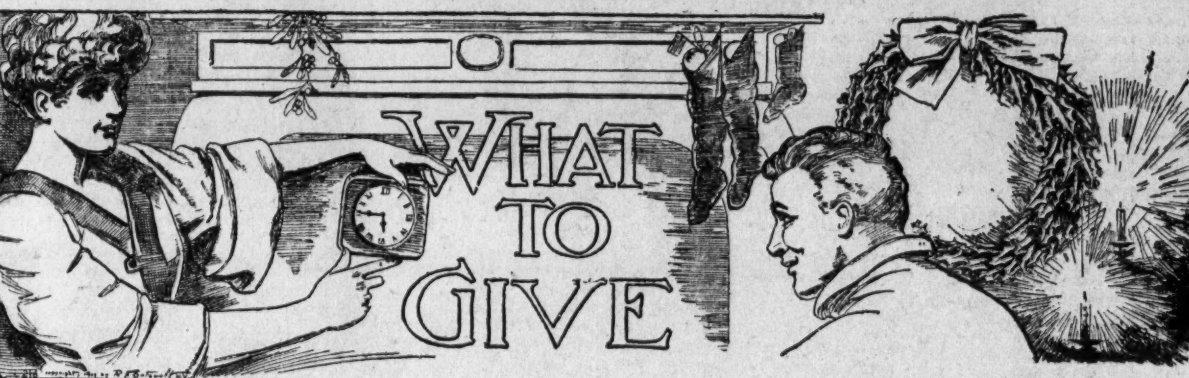
Many people asked how it happened that Parisian banks could be loaded with German paper. The explanation given is that there was always more idle money in France than in any other European country and German short time drafts and notes were accounted for German banks as a convenient source for the profitable use of that money.

The banks of Paris have been likened to great department stores. They do everything in the way of financial transactions from the discounting of a thirty day note to the floating of a big government loan. They discount bills and notes, rediscount banked papers, make foreign and domestic collections, buy and sell all sorts of coins, exchange all kinds of currency, loan money on open account, rent safety deposit vaults, take charge of securities, collect the interest, advance money on stocks and bonds, execute stock exchange orders, float government loans and place other bonds and securities. Their greatest source of profit in the past has been undoubtedly in the underwriting of loans for foreign governments such as Turkey, South American states and the Balkans. Through their medium also many billion francs in American securities have been placed on the French market on which the profits could not have been much less than ten per cent. Objections have been frequently raised against the concentration of such immense sums in these banks, amounting practically to an obstacle to any great financial transaction that the banks might not approve. The banks have been further reproached with concentrating their interest on foreign loans and discounts and for higher profits to the exclusion of French commerce and industry and thus hindering the development of foreign trade.

Notwithstanding those objections, money was so abundant that it was cheaper in France than in almost any other European country before the war. At the same time a great deal more was required for current business transactions than in other countries on account of the resistance to the check system by certain categories of merchants and public officials. The notary, a vital institution in France, without whom inheritance could not be settled and transfers could scarcely be executed, refused absolutely to accept any one's check; a notary would produce the legal tender to a notary.

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## LUMBERTON PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS TRADE

Conditions Are Far Better Than They Were a Year Ago.

Court in Session—W. O. W. Have Delightful Affair—Theatrical Business Poor—Strange Case in Court—Christmas Clubs.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 11.—Superior court, which convened Monday afternoon yesterday for the week. A good many cases have been disposed of, and by the end of next week the docket will be much smaller. Judge Wheeler left last night for his home at Greenville, but will return in time to open court at 9:30 Monday morning. All our people, especially the bar and court officers, regret to see the judge come when Judge Wheeler will go to another district, as he is a great favorite here. He is judge of his court and allows no time to be thrown away, though he finds out what is in every case coming before him before reaching a decision.

Your correspondent was invited and attended a social meeting of the Woodmen of the World Thursday night in their camp. A big oyster supper was given by Senator G. B. McLeod, who is a prominent member of the order, and all present thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. Mr. McLeod was the orator of the evening, but several members and visitors made short talks. The East Lumberton brass band furnished music for the occasion. About 65 were present, and it was undoubtedly one of the most pleasant gatherings the writer ever attended. Everyone present seemed to have but one aim in view, that was to do something to make every one else present feel that it was good to be there. The Woodmen are very strong in this section and still growing.

Not in a long time has there been such preparation here for Christmas as this time. Many beautiful decorated windows show that the merchants are well prepared to take care of the holiday trade which it is hoped will be good. Conditions are far better than a year ago and of course the people feel more like enjoying themselves.

### Shows Few and Poor.

The theatrical business thus far this season in Lumberton is a record breaker for several years for poor shows and bad business. Very few attractions have been here, and the indications are that fewer will be here. "The White Squaw," booked in here for December 20th, has closed and of course, will not come. The next attraction booked does not open until March 3rd, but there is plenty of time for others to book and come before that date.

The pastime theatre offers a programme for Christmas. It is a high class movie. Three Paramount pictures will be offered, "House of the Lost Court," coming Monday; "Are You a Mason?" Tuesday; and "Fanchon and Crickety," Friday. In this last picture, Mary Pickford, everybody's favorite, will be seen at her best. "Are You a Mason?" was recently advertised to be shown here, but was shipped wrong and failed to arrive on time.

**Quick Settlement of Claim.**  
Mr. Eugene Berry, representing the Carolina Fire Insurance Company, of Wilmington, spent a few hours here Thursday settling the claim of John Blackwood, whose home was destroyed by fire last Sunday night. Quick work, house burnt Sunday night and insurance claim settled following Thursday morning. The Carolina is represented here by Mr. Q. T. Williams, the veteran insurance man who has never had a claim contested.

A dwelling house owned by a colored man half a mile south of town was destroyed by fire this morning about 2 o'clock. The building was not insured, but the family recently residing there having moved out two or three days ago. When discovered the interior of the house was in flames. The Lumberton graded school will close next Friday for the holidays and will re-open on Tuesday, January 4th. The Star man sincerely wishes faculty and students a merry Christmas and Happy New Year. All Lumberton is proud of the institution.

### Rather Strange Proceeding.

A rather strange trial was pulled off in the Recorder's court Monday night when a man claiming to be L. J. Lowrey, of Paigeland, S. C., submitted to cursing and assaulting Professor Love on the streets some time ago. Professor Love says Chief of Police Redfern was the man who assaulted him and a great many people seem to think that the indictment of Lowrey was a frame-up. Mr. T. L. Johnson, who appeared for Lowrey, said he had never seen or heard of Lowrey until perhaps five minutes before the trial, when Lowrey came to his office and employed him and asked if there was any frame-up, someone else was responsible for it, that he never counselled it or knew of it. No one here believes that Mr. Johnson had anything to do with the case, but it is a frame-up, if such a fraud was perpetrated on the public. Explanations seem to be in order.

The First National Bank and the National Bank of Lumberton are now entering members for their 1916 Christmas clubs. From a small beginning two or three years ago the club system inaugurated by the Bank of Lumberton has grown to such proportions that it now turns out thousands of dollars for Christmas that would otherwise have been spent long ago.

Railroad people report travel extremely light. The evening train from Wilmington had one lone passenger for Lumberton Tuesday. The passenger train left Marion for Lumberton one afternoon this week with five passengers and arrived in Lumberton with the same number, but not the same people—and deadheads were counted as passengers.

Mr. Abner Nash has taken a position with the Holmes Jewelry Company as salesman.

**A Remarkable Incident.**  
The writer witnessed a remarkable incident yesterday. A top buggy was being sold to satisfy a mortgage. It was going at \$13, when a man stepped up and said, "This buggy is worth \$20 easy, and I'll give that for it right now." He got it and explained to a bystander that the buggy was the property of a poor man, who could not help himself and he didn't believe in things going that way. W. S. W.

See us for Christmas presents. C. H. Fore & Co. (advertisement.)



Topic for Sunday, December 12, 1915.  
THE REASONABLENESS AND VALUE OF THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PLEDGE.

Psalm 61-5.

"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do; that I will make it the rule of my life to pray and read the Bible every day, and to support my own church in every way, especially by attending all her regular Sunday and mid-week services, unless prevented by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Savior; and that just so far as I know how, throughout my whole life, I will endeavor to lead a Christian life. As an Active Member, I promise to be true to all my duties, to be present at, and to take part, aside from singing, in every Christian Endeavor meeting, unless hindered by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Lord and Master. If obliged to be absent from the monthly consecration meeting of the society, I will, if possible, send at least a verse of Scripture to be read in response to my name at the roll call."

A pledge is merely the written evidence of an obligation already taken. As a Christian it would be as much our duty to do what it says without a pledge as with one.

We live pretty much by pledges. Every person who becomes a naturalized citizen takes the oath of allegiance; every man who becomes a member of a fraternity binds himself by a solemn obligation; the husband and wife enter into marriage by pledging to each other in the presence of witnesses.

The pledge is a call to service, to do what Christ would have you do. It is good to measure our lives by, to see how nearly we are doing the things we ought to do. A society that is lax in keeping the pledge, is lax in everything else.

"Throughout my whole life," is one of the important sections of the pledge. The duties to which we pledge ourselves are the normal Christian duties, and we only transfer our promises in order to connect them with the Christian Endeavor. But the greater part of the pledge, just as it stands, is obligatory throughout our whole lives.

Any work while cause enable them that work for it, and the objects of our pledge are certainly worth while. They include love of God, service to man, the building up of the church, and communion with God, a knowledge of God's will for the world, the prosperity of the church and the welfare of our Christian associates. Surely this is a programme that is worth while.

"I will endeavor to lead a Christian life." We do not promise to be perfect, but we do promise to try to be. We have every reason to start our way of doing things, and we can be furnished, for we are promising to do all of these things that follow, mainly for the purpose of pleasing Him—least there are all things in which He is most interested, and we have every right to believe that He will help us in the doing of them.

We promise to be true to our church dues. One of the purposes of Christian Endeavor is to train for Christian service, and each committee trains in a different field of work. This promise includes, speaking to strangers, contributing to the society's financial needs, and all other incidental duties.

In the iron arts, when it is desired to knock off sharp corners, burn sand, and in general smooth up castings, they use what is called a tumbling barrel or rattle. The castings are placed in this barrel and slowly revolved. The contact with each other makes the rough points and makes them a finished product. It has often been said that we have been put here on earth to come in contact with our fellow men and thus become polished, as gems for His crown. The Christian Endeavor is the tumbling barrel and the pledge the formula by which our souls are polished.

The second part of the pledge refers to the allegiance which the members will give the society, to the active service in which it will engage. Every member taking part in each meeting advances makes a good meeting. The meetings that are unsuccessful are meetings where time drags heavily and nobody responds. There are so many little things that each member can do and do promptly that mean so much to a meeting as a whole and to the life of the society. One can suggest a hymn or read a passage or clipping or tell a story pertinent to the topic that will throw new life into the meeting. The absent members may make themselves valued almost as much as if present by sending a verse or message of some sort. Duty is a path which all may tread. And if the soul of life and thought be this.

How best to speed the mighty scheme, Fares onward day by day—the Life of the World.

Which is the sum of petty lives—how then shall each tell a story pertinent to that great multitude of faithful souls. Who walk not on the heights, fulfill himself. But by the dutiful life which looks not forth. Beyond its narrow sphere, and finds its work. And works it out—content, this done, And perch, if Fate will—so that the great scheme Goes forward!"

## FERTILIZATION FIXATION

(By St. Julian L. Springs.)

The most serious situation which confronts the South today is Fertilizer and Fertilizer Materials. The manufacturers are not at all responsible for the high cost of their product. They have to pay high prices for raw material consequently the manufactured goods must be sold at prices which are unreasonable, not because the manufacturers are asking high prices, but because the possible crop production may not give returns to pay the cost. Thirty of thirty-five years of use have taught the farmers that without this form of plant food crop production is reduced, and continued use of commercial fertilizers have made them more and more independent of a careful study of Natural Fertilization. Therefore we are going to appreciate the seriousness of it more until we begin to study the Fixation and Utilization of plant food in the soil.

Soils: Course sand, sand, fine sand, fine sand, sand, loam, clay, clay loam silt—and vary in texture and chemical composition. The mechanical condition is not the same. The chemical condition is not the same. The analyses are misleading. For instance, the farmer wishes to know the plant food content of his farm soil and he goes into his field with just an idea of securing a sample for analysis, any sort we might say, without consideration of the possible variation of kind of soil and its plant food content. He will select a spot in the center of the field, or possibly in one corner; he will sample just the surface soil; and the chemist, when analyzing, finds a deficiency in one kind of plant food or the other, or all of them. His report, which shows the deficiency, is of course misleading. The farmer as meaning that the entire farm is so deficient, and that it is so even at a depth.

If the farmer should consider his soil with a purpose of determining its plant food content, he should first consider the condition of his crops, their growth and their productivity, on places in his farm where there is different kind of soil. And in each case, he should be taken from the surface soil—a sample at a depth of 3-inches, 6-inches and 9-inches. The chemist in making the analyses, will make a more intelligent report, to the exact content of plant food in each soil; and too, at 3-inches, 6-inches and 9-inches, where the root system secures most of its food, is shown plant food content also.

The one practical method—At Home For The Farmer Plan—is when it is possible to purchase commercial fertilizer in formula, material to make formulas of any size, on plots situated at different locations over the farm, and subdivide each plot into five, and on subdivision No. 1, do not fertilize; No. 2, Acid Phosphate; No. 3, Ammonia; No. 4, Potash; No. 5, (a) 8-2-2, (b) 8-2-3, (c) 8-4-4. . . . Plot Division. . . . No. 1—Do not Fertilize. No. 2—Acid Phosphate. No. 3—Ammonia. No. 4—Potash. No. 5—(a) 8-2-2, (b) 8-2-3, (c) 8-4-4.

And in each instance record the condition and growth and development of the plant. Deficiency of Phosphate may be recognized where the plant does not mature early, the fruit is not formed, and where grain is planted it will be short of weight.

Deficiency of Ammonia is indicated by small spindly stalks, undeveloped leaves and a yellowish color is in evidence. Deficiency of Potash effects quality of fruit. In cotton the texture of lint is poor.

Soil Improvement: Many farmers seem to think commercial fertilizer is a soil medicine, and they do not understand that the use of it is the one direct way of supplying plant food. For one, believe when they begin to understand the plant food content of fertilizers and fertilizer materials they would pay attention to purchasing their fertilizer, and see to it that what they buy is needed in combination with natural fertilization. There would be no waste of money as it is today, and the unprofitable purchasing of commercial fertilizer would be a thing of the past.

Drainage Effective in Use of Plant Food: You remove water and retain moisture. Where there is water, you have acid soil and where there is acid soil, bacteria will not act as carriers of plant food; therefore, applying commercial fertilizers plants do not get the full benefit of the plant food content.

Broadcasting Manure, rotation of crops and planting humus or cover crops to turn them under, improves the mechanical condition of the soil and humus decays to form plant food. In the process of decaying, however, an acid is formed which is known as humus-formed acid, and this, like the water-formed acid, has a sterilizing action. For instance you will note cotton freckling, as most farmers call it, but while that is a good name for it, it is nothing more than lack of bacteria action to carry a sufficient amount of plant food to support the growing crop.

Tillage another mean to improve soil: Among the many mistakes in farming, none is more serious than tilling the soil when wet. A time to determine for tillage is when the soil will fall and crumble at the plow. When soil sticks, leaving a smooth surface at the plow, you may look out for injury to possible plant food development.

Fall Plowing Necessary: Varying or too great a depth of plowing in Fall will place water level at time of heavy rain below the root system, and replace moisture which increases formation of plant food and during seasons of drought the crop is supported by moisture stored away throughout winter.

Liming to Utilize Natural Fertilization: Soils contain plant food, and without time is never sufficiently available to produce profitable crops; consequently, purchasing more commercial fertilizer is necessary to meet the demand of food supply for the plant. Coastal Plant Soil will show a general average by chemical analyses, to contain from ten to twelve thousand pounds of Ammoniacs, that is contain seven to nine thousand pounds of Feldspar (American Potash) and two to three thousand pounds of Phosphate, to the six inch of surface soil over an acre. Fine sand, fine sand loam, etc., contain more Phosphates and less Ammoniacs and Potash, clay, clay loam silt, etc., contain more Potash and less Ammoniacs and Phosphates.

## WAR HAS COST POSTAL SERVICE \$21,000,000

But Economies Reduced Audited Deficit to \$11,000,000

Facts Set Forth in Annual Report of Postmaster General Burleson—Wants Change in Contract With Railroads.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Postmaster General Burleson's annual report made public tonight says the European war has cost the American postal service \$21,000,000 but that economies of administration have reduced the audited deficit to a little more than \$11,000,000 for the fiscal year which ended last June. Considerations of service, the report says, were placed above all others and notwithstanding adverse revenue conditions, expansion and improvement of postal facilities continued. Had it not been for economical reorganization begun before the war started and continued since, the Postmaster General says, the audited deficit would have been at least \$24,000,000. Of the total deficit, however, his analysis of the department's finances declares that all but a little more than \$300,000 was the result of increases of postal salaries and additional railway mail pay required by law.

Chief among recommendations to Congress are a renewal of previous proposals for a change from the weight to the space basis of fixing pay to the railroads for carrying mail; a renewal of recommendations for government ownership of telegraphs and telephones; removal of the four pound limit on first class mail; and the adoption of more liberal limitations on the "Toll" sets of various kinds at C. H. Fore & Co. (advertisement.)

Therefore, Lime (Calcium Carbonate) becoming in contact with soil moisture, makes possible the utilization of natural fertilization. It improves the mechanical condition of the soil and it forms an alkali which neutralizes water and humus formed acid, thereby increasing bacteria activity which supplies the crop with plant food available from the Ammoniacs, Phosphates and Potash in the soil.

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The greatest expansion in the postal service, the report shows, was in the parcel post. Statistics gathered from fifty principal postoffices show it to be half of all the postal business, and that more than six billion parcels are being transported every year. Before the parcel post was established not more than four fourth that number were handled. The amount of postage collected from that source approached \$2,000,000 during the first fifteen days of October this year alone.

While the war has crippled the money order system it has boomed the postal savings banks. The number of depositors and the amount deposited exceeded any year since the banks were established. More than a half million depositors were on the books at the end of June, 1915, a gain of 35 per cent for the year, and they had on deposit nearly \$66,000,000, a gain of more than 50 per cent. The increases in deposits in some cities was remarkable. They increased in New York, 199 per cent; Bridgeport, Conn., 183 per cent; Brooklyn, 167 per cent; Paterson, 182 per cent; Jersey City, 132 per cent; Detroit, 112 per cent. Other cities showed gains ranging from 50 to 100 per cent. Of all the depositors more than 85 per cent were foreign born and had more than 71 per cent of the total deposits. The figures are represented as showing plainly the attraction of the postal banks to the immigrants.

The activities of the Postoffice Department in suppressing fraudulent use of the mails are unabated. The report

## HOW ABOUT YOUR CHRISTMAS SUIT?

Now is the Time to be Measured, if you want your new Suit in Time for Christmas Holidays.

All orders must be in by Wednesday, to insure delivery for Christmas. My 16th Semi-Annual Sale, which began 5 days ago, has so far been the most successful one I have ever conducted—and this is saying much. The financial depression of the past year has no terrors for the man who buys his clothing from me. The prices are the same that have prevailed at previous sales, and the saving means more to the buyer now than ever before. The clothing which I am privileged to offer at \$13.50 are extraordinary bargains; you get for this money clothing that would cost from \$18.00 to \$25.00.

Large numbers of men are measured every day. We have a corps of experts in taking the measures and that are always pleased to have a visit from my customers.

I desire to thank the large number of patrons I have served during the 45 years I have been in Wilmington, and to ask for a continuance of their liberal patronage.

During the semi-annual special clothing sale I have conducted I have taken thousands of orders. So far as I know, all have proved entirely satisfactory. This is evidenced by the fact that I have sold to the same patrons every year since my first sale. The number of patrons increases from year to year. But if there should happen to be any in the thousands I have served who for any reason considers he has cause to be dissatisfied with his purchase, I will appreciate it and consider it a pleasure if he will come to my store and state his complaint. I will be pleased to adjust the matter in any way that is satisfactory to him. This offer is not made because I think there are any dissatisfied customers—for I don't believe I have any—but is made as an evidence of my good faith.

Come around and see me, while the sale is on; it will not continue many days longer, and you will certainly want a new suit for the Christmas holidays. Respectfully,

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By order of the Hon. F. A. Daniels, Judge Presiding.  
W. N. HARRISS,  
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## ANOTHER DUPONT REPORT

Morehead City Property Owner Says Powder People Have Option on Land There.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. Carolina, Dec. 11.—That there is some foundation to the report that the Du Pont Powder Company is contemplating the erection of a plant in this section, is the opinion of R. W. Faucett, of Charlotte, who holds a position with the DuPont people at Hopewell, Va., and who is among the visitors in the city today.

Mr. Faucett, who owns considerable property at Morehead City, has had a "tip" that the Du Pont people have taken an option on some water front property there and he is en route to the Carteret county town to look after his own holdings which are in the vicinity of the property which it is said that the Du Pont people are after.

Mr. Faucett left Hopewell yesterday morning, coming direct to Newbern. He states that the men employed there are of the opinion that another plant is to be put in operation "somewhere in Eastern North Carolina," and he is of the opinion that a statement to this

says the department is working in close co-operation with those interested in purifying advertising columns and that during the year 17 concerns or persons were banished from the mails and 1,900 lotteries were barred out.

The subject of railway mail pay, which is one of spirited controversy between the Postoffice Department and the railroads, the Postmaster General's report treats at length. It describes the situation as acute and urgent, pressing for immediate adjustment, but expresses regret that the railway mail reorganization bill was killed in the last Congress.

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# SUPERB FUR WEARABLES READY FOR SANTA CLAUS



Sashed and  
Sleeved like a  
Kimono, this  
Moleskin Coat is  
Fetchingly Chic



A New Cross Fox Set,  
Luxurious Enough to Fulfill  
Gift Requirement at  
Christmas Time



Princely the  
Gift of an Opera  
Coat in Gray  
Chinchilla,  
with Harmonious  
Trimming  
of Pointed Fox



This Year's  
Christmas Fur Coat  
has Flaring  
Lines, Assisted  
by an Actual Hoop  
at the Knee



Cape and Hat  
form a Dainty Combination;  
the One, Silver Caracul and  
Fox; the Other White Hyacinths  
and Fox.

## Skating Coats Offer a New Opportunity to Santa -- Ermine the Approved Christmas Fur -- Eve- ning and Limousine Wraps Make Princely Gifts -- Fur-Trimmed Negligees Dreams of Loveliness.

NOT until after the holidays may the woman who hopes to secure handsome furs at marked-down prices expect to fulfill her desires. Up to the day before Christmas fur prices hold their own—in readiness for Santa Claus, for from time immemorial furs have been the gift of gifts, ranking second only to jewels in the estimation of womankind. And the practically inclined woman would far rather receive a substantial present in fur than the same amount of money put into glittering gems. There is something opulent, superb, in costly furs; and they appeal to the heart feminine in their soft luxuriousness, as even diamonds and rubies do not appeal.

### Skating Furs For This Year's Giving.

Santa Claus has found a new opportunity for his generosity this season in the fashionable skating fad. It is said that skating will soon take the place of tangoing. Dancing classes are actually passing out of favor because of the vogue of skating classes and skating clubs. The fad originated in Paris where society thronged the indoor skating rink, before the beginning of the war; and skating costumes fascinatingly chic were turned out by all the couturiers. Skating has been a fashionable pastime abroad, also, at the winter resorts on the Engadine. The wonder is that it has not attracted America before this. Skating togetherness of all sorts is presented in the shops for the consideration of Christmas purchasers and Santa Claus is fairly reveling in the chance to give something new and hitherto unthought of in the way of furs.

There are enchanting skating coats of leather with fur collar and cuffs, and there are skating suits of white cloth trimmed lavishly with beaver, skunk or white fox. For some reason or other ermine is not a skating fur. The suggestion of extreme formality that always clings to ermine keeps it apart, as a pelt for garments of conventional, super-elegant character. The opera wrap, for instance, may be of ermine, or trimmed with ermine; but the skating coat—which is of course more or less of a sport garment—may not adopt ermine and keep to the canons of good taste.

### Christmas Seal-skin.

Seal coats have long been the standby of Santa Claus. Season in and season out, seal remains the favorite pelt with the majority of women when a new fur coat is under consideration. Seal is always becoming; it is always elegant and distinguished, one does not tire of it as of a more conspicuous fur—and it has the precious qual-



A Beautiful Spotless Ermine Theater Set  
with Black-Tailed Ermine Fringe

ity of making its wearer look as slim as she could look in any kind of fur. This year seal coats show more fitted lines than they did last season; many of them are belted just below the waistline, giving the silhouette a jaunty youthfulness. The coat-skirt flares out and is, preferably, bordered with contrasting fur. Indeed, if Santa Claus picks out a seal coat, this year, without some trimming—collar and cuffs at least—of contrasting fur, he will make a sad mistake! The handsomest coats are of Hudson seal, in other words dyed muskrat; less expensive coats are of near-seal, or dyed otter. The muskrat pelt is soft, satiny and very short. When the hand is passed over it, the short hairs spring back like the pile of rich silk velvet. A near-seal coat has a longer, more shaggy pelt which gradually becomes matted, rough and dingy after much wear and exposure to dust. Redressing the fur will help keep near-seal in its glossy, dark richness of texture, and an occasional

sponging off with a wet cloth with subsequent vigorous shaking and hanging to dry in a cool place will keep the pelt in dustless condition. The Hudson seal coat, however, is a much better investment for Santa Claus, even though the price is almost double that of a near-seal garment. Hudson seal wears better than the more shaggy pelt of dyed otter, and its satiny, beautiful texture remains through many seasons.

### Notable Christmas Fur Coats of This Year.

When Santa Claus wishes to do something handsome—something out of the ordinary in the way of a fur coat, he selects broadtail, which is such an exclusively expensive pelt that only very fortunate folk can wear it. There is a distinction therefore about genuine broadtail which even seal-skin may aspire to. A photograph which is interesting because of a new feature never before demonstrated in fur coat wearables, is presented today.

This coat has a concealed hoop around its lower edge; a very light, supple hoop, but a hoop none the less, which holds out the flare of the garment from the knees, giving an exceedingly chic line. You will note that the coat falls rather closely to the figure as far as the waist, then flares out decidedly into a lynx border. The flare is mostly at the back and sides, a trick accomplished by exceedingly clever cut of the broadtail. Collar and cuffs are of lynx, the cuffs having a graceful trimming of tails and paws. This hooped

fur coat attracted a great deal of attention when it was first exhibited and is considered a notable expression of the new mode.

Another beautiful gift coat that will pass from Santa's hands into the hands of a charming debutante of the winter, is the model of moleskin and fox, shown in another picture. This coat is as soft and graceful in line as the broadtail coat is daring and chic. The cut of the sleeve, the fullness at the shoulders and the sash tying in front suggest the informality of a kimono but the loose grace of this garment is well suited to a slender, girlish figure, and the coat is exceptionally smart. The fox fur used in trimming is dyed to the shade of the moleskin and is, in itself, a gift representing a substantial sum.

### Fur Wraps Cost Santa Claus a Small Fortune.

Somebody has to slip a big check into Santa's pocket before he sets out to select an opera wrap of chinchilla,

like the one pictured today. Very probably the woman who receives such a wrap will not be any happier over it than the blissful schoolgirl whose uncle sends her a muff and neckpiece of delectable gray squirrel on Christmas Eve; but there is a vast gulf between the intrinsic values of the two gifts. Perhaps no more regal fur coat will be seen at the opera house this winter than this chinchilla wrap with its costly trimming of pointed fox, not only at the collar, but all around the wrap, and up the slashed sides!

Ermine wraps are favored gifts with the plutocratic Santa Claus, but not a great many of them change hands at even the gift season for such a wrap represents a fortune. Ermine is one of the most beautiful of furs, but as has been said, its usefulness is confined to formal, evening occasions, and the woman whose fur gift at Christmas must be something practical, passes by ermine as a rule. For the woman who goes out a great deal, and whose

wardrobe boasts the rich costumes that ermine demands as a background, an ermine scarf and muff like the ones pictured will be a charming Christmas remembrance. This set is made of unspotted ermine and the exquisitely soft pelt is mounted on an equally soft white broadcloth satin. The muff is as supple and graceful as the scarf and the dead whiteness of both is relieved in smart contrast of tone by a fringe of little ermine tails, black-tipped. As pictured, the white ermine set is worn with a theatre gown of Nattier blue chiffon and silk. The velvet hat, in a deeper shade of the same blue, has white plumes. The white fur against this symphony in blue is particularly lovely.

### The Christmas Fur Set.

A good many more women receive fur sets at Christmas than fur coats and wraps. Santa Claus buys fur sets by the millions, one might say, this wide land over, and every sort of pelt is represented, fox, bear, wolf, lynx, squirrel, opossum, beaver, seal, civet—and even one more than suspects, common cat. Most of the Christmas furs are fox, and indeed fox has infinite variety, from the cheapest dyed black fox, through all the grades of red fox, cross-fox, smoked fox, pointed fox up to silver fox, most costly and most rare. Cross fox is a favorite with younger women because of the gaiety and warmth of its coloring; pointed fox, rather an expensive fur, is one of the handsomest Christmas pelts. The powdery white hairs against the dense black ones give this fur a very soft effect which is exceedingly becoming to the complexion. A typical 1915 Christmas set of pointed fox is pictured. The neckpiece has the bulkiness which gives this year's fashionable swathed effect around the throat, and the muff is small and round, as muffs are just now. Both muff and scarf are lavishly trimmed with tails and paws. Another Christmas set combines a circular cape of silver gray astrachan, collared with black fox, and a hat trimmed with fox and silvery white hyacinths. This set comes from Paris.

Fur trimmed negligees are another phase of Christmas business. Lovely gowns of shadow lace and chiffon are bordered with skunk and fox and there are rich hued lounging robes of brocade and of corduroy with white fox collars and cuffs. One luxurious Christmas negligee is of white velvet, lined with soft white money. Imagine wrapping one's self in this, after one's bath, for a siesta!

## Gifts that are Unusual

OUT-of-the-ordinary gifts for people who "have everything" become more and more the demand each Christmas season. There is no space in the Christmas list left so long unfilled as the space following the name of the friend or relative so blessed by fortune that nothing desirable or useful is missing from her environment. One racks one's brains trying to think of something she may want; all the weeks of the pre-Christmas shopping the burden of that impossible-to-find but must-be-found gift lurks in the back of one's mind.

The unusual gift must be selected in most instances with a definite price limit in view—one cannot waste much pity on the individual who sets forth a shopping with the reflection: "I must buy her something, I don't care what it costs, so long as I get it off my mind." For this fortunate shopper there is a wide field. She may glean among Oriental rugs, or in the places where jewels are sold. She may choose a rare bit of falience, an antique fan, something in bronze, or a clever water-color or pastel. Any of these things may be added satisfactorily to the environment of the "woman who has everything" without seriously crowding her. But for the gift-maker who can spend but five dollars—or even only one dollar—the situation is vastly more complicated.

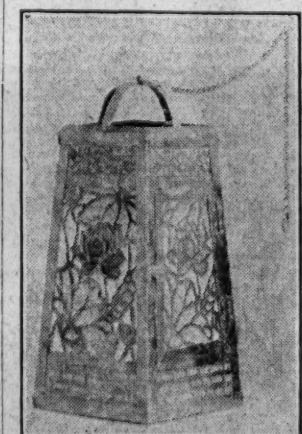
She should seek in out-of-the-way places, or specialty shops if she wants to find anything really original, and not yet discovered by her hyper-critical friend who is to receive the gift. From one of these specialty shops came the studded lantern shown in an illustration. This lantern is of wrought iron, with panels of heavy, clouded glass set under a light wrought iron tracery. The lantern is supposed to hang from the roof of the

porch by the chain, and sheds a very soft, pleasing light. From the same shop come most interesting brass door-knockers, some in large size for the front door, others tiny affairs for bedroom doors. Odd and attractive also are brass weights for holding doors open. These have tall handles, some a foot high, so that one need not stoop to reach the weight when its location is to be changed. Brass letters which may be attached to the woodwork over a bungalow door, or below a mantel-shelf, are also obtainable at this interesting shop, and various mottoes are suggested: For a doorway one may purchase brass letters to read when adjusted: "Joy is

here; leave burdens without." Other mottoes will occur to the purchaser. There are also letter stencils by means of which appropriate mottoes may be



No doubt any Hartz Mountain Canary will appreciate this Frenchified domicile.



Unique hall lantern of nail-studded metal and tinted opaque glass.



Flagon and Jugs of Earthenware, one with a quaint hand-carved cork.

white and pale blue foliage and tied with a huge pale blue satin bow at the top. It would be an unfashionable songster indeed who would not appreciate such an enchanting domicile and sing the better for it. There are also very handsome cages of plaster, tinted in the ivory tone and decorated with tinted plaster flowers. Some of these stand on tall standards and are very attractive additions to a dainty morning room.

A novel gift in silver is a crumb-scraper for the dining table, made in the style of a miniature carpet sweeper. It sweeps up the crumbs in no time and is a dainty affair withal. The earthenware flagons pictured are an attractive gift for a man's den. Most interesting are the hand-carved and tinted wooden corks.







## SUFFRAGE ADVOCATES GATHER IN RICHMOND

### Women of the South Are Holding Annual Convention.

Discussion Last Night Over Whether  
Fight for Votes for Women Shall  
be Made in Congress or in the  
Several States.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 11.—Whether the fight for women's suffrage shall be confined to Congress, and there fought out to final issue, or shall be determined by enactment of law by the several states, was the paramount question before the second annual convention of the Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference which began here today. Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, of New York, spoke in favor of the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the Federal constitution and Miss Kate M. Gordon, of Louisiana, an ardent advocate of state's rights, said that the only way by which the suffrage could be extended was through the several states of the Union. There was no vote on the question, and there was no argument further than that indulged in by the two speakers of the evening.

It became evident in the morning meeting that the principal business of the conference was the discussion of methods—that is whether greater emphasis should be placed on State or Federal work. Since the concentration of all suffrage forces on the Susan B. Anthony amendment instead of the Shafroth amendment and the recent defeat of suffrage in four of the eastern states, many suffragists have announced their intention of working exclusively hereafter for the Federal amendment.

In the morning meeting Miss Gordon, president of the conference, said that she believed that the quickest way to get general suffrage was through the states.

"The object of the Southern States Association," said she, "is to be a flank movement to the national agitation at Washington. In my opinion there can be nothing more than agitation unless there is a great change in the policy of the Democratic party and the remembrance of the South."

In the general discussion that followed Miss Gordon's speech, Mrs. John Lewis, of Lynchburg, made a plea for a more national point of view.

"The foundation of state's rights," she declared, "is absolute democracy, individual liberty of expression. If states' rights do not mean that, where lies their value? We all know perfectly well that there is no such thing as real democracy in the South for either sex."

Miss Mary Johnston pointed out that there were differences of opinion as to the problem in every state, and that each state should be left to deal with its own.

The afternoon meeting was chiefly occupied with reports from the different states as to the progress of suffrage in the South. One of the most stirring speeches was made by Mrs. Florence Cotten, of Arkansas, who told of her hearing by the legislature of Arkansas.

"One legislator," she declared, "stood up and said that since Adam and Sampson had both been betrayed by women, he intended to vote against our measure. You may be sure that we lost no time in reminding him that Judas Iscariot was a man."

Miss Jean Gordon gave a report of the progress of suffrage in Louisiana. Mrs. James McCormick reported encouragingly for Tennessee; Mrs. C. E. Elliott, for Maryland; and Mrs. Mary McLendon, for Georgia.

Miss Margaret Foley, of Massachusetts, one of the most prominent figures in the suffrage campaign, told her experiences at street meetings, and said that she believed them to be the best means of advancing the cause.

### A. & M. COLLEGE NOTES

#### Changes in Faculty—"Rotation Club" Among Boys' Corn Clubs.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

West Raleigh, Dec. 9.—Prof. J. C. McNutt, head of the department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, and Prof. H. R. Fulton, head of the department of Botany and Plant Pathology, will leave January 1 to accept positions elsewhere. Professor McNutt goes to the Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa, to become professor of animal husbandry and Professor Fulton to Washington, D. C., to engage in pathological work for the United States Department of Agriculture.

Prof. Dan T. Gray, now at the head of the animal husbandry division of the experiment station, has been elected to the head of the animal husbandry department of the college. An assistant in this department will be chosen as soon as possible.

Dr. Frederick A. Wolf, now of Auburn, Ala., has been elected botanist and plant pathologist in place of Professor Fulton. Dr. Wolf is an alumnus of the University of Nebraska. He taught at the University of Texas for two years, and for the past five years has been in pathological work at Auburn, Ala.

Prof. T. E. Brown, in charge of the boys' Agricultural Club work, state that a "Rotation Club" will be organized at once by the department of boys' clubs. The method tends to exhaust the land of fertility and reduce the fertility of the soil each year. The new plan of Professor Brown is to have each boy follow a standard crop rotation each year, thereby improving the fertility of the soil instead of decreasing it. Schemes of rotation for the Mountain, Piedmont and coastal sections of the State have been tested out by the State department of agriculture and the scheme will be recommended by the West Raleigh office for the boys in the clubs.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Susan Jills, a negro born in slavery on the plantation of Col. John Peterson, at Petersburg, Va., on Christmas day, 1860, according to family records, died today at the home of her daughter in Brooklyn. The daughter, also born a slave, is 84 years of age and served 30 years in the same family with her mother.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 11.—The British steamer Clan MacLachlan, which sailed four miles northeast of Cape Henry life saving station about 3 o'clock this afternoon, had floated herself three hours later. The coast guard cutter Goodspeed went to the vessel's assistance but was not needed. The MacLachlan is bound to Baltimore.

## FOOD SITUATION IN FRANCE NOT CONSIDERED ALARMING

### Government Measures Will Remove Danger of Further Increase in Cost

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

Paris, Nov. 11.—Louis Malvy, minister of the interior, speaking of the outcry of retail provision dealers and consumers against rising prices of meats and certain provisions says: "If the situation is serious, it is alarming. I am under the impression that the measures already taken by the government and those that will be taken will remove all danger of further increases and will provoke some decrease."

A prominent member of the provision committee of the central markets sums up the situation this way: "Paris was spoiled by the astonishingly low cost of living during the first months of the war. It is characteristic of the Parisian to consider all benefits once enjoyed as acquired rights. On the other hand certain dealers seem to have been intoxicated by stories of fabulous war profits made by certain categories of merchants and manufacturers; they don't intend to let go of it if they can help it. There you have the explanation of the present conflict between the wholesale and retail provision dealers and the consumer; the consumer wants peace prices and the dealer wants war profits. There is a happy medium somewhere and the government will probably find it."

This conflict has made the cheese pavilion at the central market one of the liveliest spots in Paris in the early morning hours. It appears that certain dealers have been trying to run a corner in camembert; the women of the Paris creameries are after them with sharp tongues and decayed vegetables. In June, 1914, camembert was at a price of 12 to 13 cents. At these prices it is often not obtainable even at the opening of the market and when buyers ask why the commission merchants say all their receipts have been bought up by telegraph and telephone. Such sales are not according to market rules. All receipts should be sold the day they receive them, and one dealer who replied in this way was obliged to take to cover before the inauguration of cheesemongers who in front of them but not a box for sale.

The monopolizers of camembert and other provisions are merchants in the zone to which the Paris retail dealers are sold at the front is a remedy proposed by the prefect of police, thus limiting dealers' profits and preventing abnormal prices.

Just why this conflict broke out in the name of camembert does not appear. Brie cheese has advanced quite a bit in price. Various varieties are from 50 per cent. to a hundred per cent. higher. Eggs have also gone up a hundred per cent., selling now at from 35 to 50 cents a dozen wholesale, according to grade. Butter which averaged 25 cents a pound a year ago has gone to 37 cents. This butter and egg question developed a violent incident at the Camembert market yesterday when a merchant asking exorbitant prices and replying insolently to a customer's complaint suffered the mortification of seeing as a target for his own stock used as projectiles by the indignant public.

The introduction of cold storage beef into the market has failed of the anticipated effect on prices and the reason given is that the stockyards people at La Villette who look askance at the imported article have been able to bring sufficient pressure to bear upon retail dealers to prevent a favorable presentation of congealed beef. It is declared that in some cases the imported article was made up so as to resemble the native product and when officials declare, however, that where the imported meat has been put on the market properly it has been an unqualified success. Competent judges say that for roast and steaks it is even superior to the fresh French beef, and the expressed determination of the authorities is that it must be made to do. In the meantime fresh meats continue about 25 per cent. higher than before the war.

**BEST DISINFECTANTS.**

Sunshine and Fresh Air Officially Endorsed as Most Effective.

(State Board of Health.)

"Sunshine and fresh air. These are the disinfectants that are worth the time and the effort required to use them." This is the advice sent out by the State Board of Health in one of its recent health bulletins. It says further: "The idea that there is a mysterious potency and a guaranteed safety against disease germs in ill-smelling, crowded quarters, is a delusion of the public mind. Oftentimes too much reliance is put in terminal disinfection to the neglect of the proper precautions that should be taken during the period of illness, such as personal cleanliness, the free use of soap and water and plenty of sunshine and fresh air."

"Without detracting from the value of disinfectants when properly used, health officials have come to place their main reliance on soap and water and fresh air, followed, where possible, by sunlight and fresh air. The claimant made for these disinfectants have been proven by medical science and are coming to be more generally adopted by health officials and the public as the best and safest means of disinfection."

"Another good thing to remember is that they are not only the best and cheapest disinfectants but they are also about the best and cheapest preventives before."

**FOURTY INCHES TOO MUCH.**

Over-Eating and Under Exercising the Cause of Premature Illness.

"Beware of a forty-inch waist line," says a bulletin from the State Board of Health. "Ten to one, the man who is five feet, eight inches tall and forty inches about the waist, will sooner or later have to consult a doctor for gall stones, kidney trouble, and most likely for Bright's or some other serious disease."

"Forty inches about the waist is an abnormal size and condition and shows that he who carries such a burden around with him has an appetite of an abnormal size and proportion. It further shows that something is wrong with his diet, or that his energy is reduced to naught. His appetite is either too big or too big or he is eating too much. Most likely he eats excessively of meats, pastries and he foods, which means over-worked kidneys and faulty elimination."

"There is usually one, and only one, diagnosis to be made of this class 'fat and forty.' Their bulkiness, flabbiness and shortness of breath are symptoms having for their cause over-fed and under-worked."

The bulletin concludes with: "Over-eating contributes more to disease and premature death than under-feeding."

## STEAMER RETURNS WITH CARGO AFIRE

(Continued From Page One.)

disabled at sea. The Minnesota, which, according to reports, developed a mysterious trouble with her boilers while on a voyage from Seattle to London with a valuable cargo, is expected to reach San Francisco Monday or Tuesday.

## Business Locals

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC.—FURNACE** and stove repairs done reasonable; heaters reined, good as new. Have your roof repaired now. Satisfaction guaranteed. Phone 131. W. B. Klender, 23 South Second street. Phone 1776-J. de 12-17

**FOR SALE.—ELLINGTON BABY** Grand Piano. Cost \$600.00 a year ago. Price \$250.00. 10 per cent. cash. \$12.50 a month. Johnson, 209 South Second street. Phone 1776-J. de 12-17

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**PRESCRIPTIONS ARE OUR SPECIALTY.** You may feel safe and sure if all your prescriptions. Our record is over 25,000. These thousands trusted us with their prescriptions. Why not you? Green's Drug Store. de 12-17

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**LOST ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER** 9th, between Front and Orange streets and 613 Bladen street, a package containing several dollars worth of ice tickets. Finder will please return to Plate Ice Company, receive suitable reward. Plate Ice Co. phones 695 and 696. de 12-17

**ANNUAL SALE.—PARISH GUILD OF** St. John's church, Thursday, December 16th, at Parish House. Useful and fancy articles. Supper served, beginning 6:30. de 12-17

**FOR RENT.—FROM JANUARY FIRST,** 1916, modern, up-to-date photograph gallery. Most conspicuous corner in the city. Front and Princess streets. Has been a photo gallery ever since building was erected. Woodard & Sheppard. de 12-17

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**MEMBERS OF ST. AGNES' GUILD OF** St. James' church will hold their first Christmas sale of fancy articles, lingerie, dressed dolls and candy, Wednesday, 15th, 10:30 A. M. Housewives' League Rest Room. de 12-17

**FOR RENT.—FIVE ROOM COTTAGE** with bath, furnished or unfurnished; centrally located. Address "Rent," care The Star. de 12-17

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**WE HAVE JUST HAD LISTED FOR** sale a cottage in A No. 1 condition for \$2,500. Can arrange large loan. James & James, Inc., Southern Bldg. Phone 163. de 12-17

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**FARM WITH EXCELLENT HOME** near Winter Park; information for the asking. L. W. Moore, Real Estate Agency, 123 Princess street. de 12-17

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**WILL OFFER NEXT WEEK, THE** Martindale Farm in lots to suit you. Moore's Real Estate and Insurance Agency. Sale Agents will show you. de 12-17

**MILK, 10 CENTS.—ON AND AFTER** Dec. 15th. To everybody. The kind and lots of cream in it. Glenwood Dairy. Phone 1760. de 12-17

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**WANTED, POSITION, JANUARY 1ST—** Position with wholesale house, grocery or drug store, either inside or traveling; 10 years' experience. Can furnish best of references. Address "X." care Star. de 12-17

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**AN EXPERIENCED WOMAN WANTS** a position as book-keeper and cashier. References given. P. O. Box 357, City. de 12-17

**WANTED.—A PRINTER WHO CAN** feed platen presses, set jobs and good on composition. Communicate with W. Wood Carpenter, Herold, Chadbourn, N. C. de 12-17

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## AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK

### WILMINGTON, N. C.

#### Condensed Report of Condition to Comptroller, at Close of Business, November 10th, 1915.

| RESOURCES:                                               | LIABILITIES:                                            |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Loans and Discounts . . . \$1,417,210.23                 | Capital Stock . . . \$250,000.00                        |
| U. S. Bonds (at par) . . . 270,000.00                    | Surplus and Undivided Prof- its . . . 57,832.30         |
| North Carolina 4 per cent Bonds (at par) . . . 45,000.00 | Circulation . . . 250,000.00                            |
| Bonds and Securities . . . 24,212.50                     | Redemptions (with Federal Reserve Bank) . . . 77,265.45 |
| Banking House and Fix- tures . . . 45,662.65             | Special Bond Account . . . 45,000.00                    |
| Stock in Federal Reserve Bank . . . 9,000.00             | Reserve Account (for Build- ing) . . . 20,000.00        |
| Real Estate . . . 43,026.96                              | Bills Payable . . . 50,000.00                           |
| Cash in our Vaults . . . \$124,501.42                    | DEPOSITS . . . 1,672,529.70                             |
| Due from Banks and U. S. Treas. 484,314.73               |                                                         |
| 608,516.15                                               |                                                         |
| Total . . . \$2,462,929.45                               | Total . . . \$2,462,929.45                              |

Began Business in 1908, with Capital of \$500,000. 4 Per Cent Annual Dividends Paid Since Organization.

OFFICERS:

W. B. COOPER, Chairman of Board  
W. YATES, Vice-President  
GEO. O. GAYLORD, Vice-President  
E. FRED BANCAN, Assistant Cashier

## STATEMENT CONDITION

### THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK

#### OF WILMINGTON, N. C.

#### AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, NOVEMBER 10th, 1915.

| AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, NOVEMBER 19th, 1915.              |                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| RESOURCES:                                                  | LIABILITIES:                             |
| Loans and Discounts . . . \$4,745,818.48                    | Capital Stock . . . \$1,000,000.00       |
| U. S. Bonds (at par) . . . 810,000.00                       | Surplus and Net Profits . . . 605,358.58 |
| Bank Building . . . 487,785.51                              | Circulation . . . 750,000.00             |
| Bonds and Other Securities . . . 288,400.00                 | Special Deposit Bonds . . . 115,000.00   |
| Liquidation Account Southern National Bank . . . 100,158.65 | Capital Reserve . . . 21,000.00          |
| Cash and Due by Banks . . . 2,011,503.12                    | Deposits . . . 5,595,094.83              |
| <b>\$8,446,653.76</b>                                       | <b>\$8,446,653.76</b>                    |